# The Leading of the Spirit 14. Inspired to break a winning team Acts 13:1-3

# An effective leadership team

### They communicate well with each other

### They focus on the goals and results

### They each contribute their fair share

### They offer each other support

### They are a diverse group (all unique)

### They have a strong leader (Barnabas)

### They’re organised

### They have fun

## You wouldn’t want to mess with that, BUT God does!

### It’s not about the team, it’s about the mission

# God uses real people

## All inspired by the Holy Spirit

### Barnabas

### Simeon called Niger

### Lucius of Cyrene

### Manaen

### Saul (Paul)

## Prophets and teachers in a team

### When you’re led by such a team everyone benefits

# God speaks

## To change things

### Change is costly

## He also calls

### God tells the church, but He has already called Barnabas and Paul for this mission

## Not for the church, but for the kingdom of God in Christ

# It’s God’s mission

## God’s mission for the world needed a church

### The church fasted and prayed and sent them off

#### In Antioch a new era was born

## God’s mission had a church…ours!

# Homegroup/Private study questions

# Good leadership teams

## Think of teams you have been in at work, in church, or in sport

### Which were the best and why?

### Which was the most difficult and why?

## What lessons have you learned about teams from your experiences?

## To what extent would you agree with the above attributes for an effective team?

### What would you add?

## To what extent do you agree that mission (the agreed goal) is more important than team?

### How far is this true in sport? In work? In church?

# Arguments amongst leaders

## The church were behind sending Paul & Barnabas off

### Do you think everyone agreed with the decision?

### Do you think everyone liked the decision?

#### Explain your answer

## Paul and Barnabas later returned to Antioch (14:27f) but before their next trip they argued (15:36-41)

### Should they have parted company over the disagreement?

### How could they have compromised?

### What was the result in terms of mission?

### What happened afterwards? (1 Cor 9:6; Gal 2:11-13; 1 Pe 5:13; Col 4:10, Phm 24; 2 Tim 4:11 (a later letter))

#### John Mark wrote Mark’s gospel.

# The church has a mission v the mission has a church

## How does reversing the concept change your view of mission?

### In where mission comes from? In whose mission it is? In where God is engaged now? In what attitude Christians and the church should have to mission? In the motivation to mission?

## How helpful is it to the church at this time?