

# The Birth of Missions

## Acts 13:1-12

I. Missions expresses the very \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

II. Missions were an extension of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

III. Missions expresses the heart of the \_\_\_\_\_.

IV. Missions is about the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.

## 2 Challenges for the New Year

- 1) A renewed commitment to the \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 2) A commitment to unselfish \_\_\_\_\_

## Discussion Questions

- 1) Read 2 Corinthians 10:3–6 and Ephesians 6:10–20. How are spiritual battles different in nature from physical battles? What offensive weapons and defensive protection should we wield in the work of evangelism?
- 2) Read 2 Corinthians 11:21–33. What kinds of hardship should we expect in the Christian life, and especially in the work of evangelism and missions?
- 3) In what ways are you actively ministering to the Lord in your local church?
- 4) Who first shared the gospel with you and your family? To which people in your life could you take the gospel for the first time?
- 5) What are some of the specific ways you can pray for and encourage missionaries supported by our local church? How could you help to equip the best men and women in our church for missions and evangelism?