

An aerial, black and white photograph of a rowing team in a scull on dark water. The team consists of five rowers, with one person at the bow and four rowers behind. The water is dark and textured with ripples. The rowers are wearing light-colored tank tops. The scull is a long, narrow boat with a pointed bow. The overall mood is focused and determined.

# TEAMS

Working Together to  
Ignite Gospel Movements  
*-Reflections from the book of Acts-*

# CULTURE & CALLING

Acts 11:19-30  
Acts 13:1-3

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A team culture of trust and humility is the soil in which a world changing calling can grow. As the birthplace of world missions, the church in Antioch is the perfect case study.

*Read the passages on the left and then reflect on the questions below:*

## **TEAM CULTURE:**

- 1) Describe the scene in Antioch. What strikes you about this group of people and how they came to be together?
- 2) If you were Barnabas, what might you have been thinking, praying and planning on the journey from Jerusalem to Antioch?
- 3) What type of response might have squelched the work that was started? Why?
- 4) How would you describe the culture of the church in Antioch? How was it formed?

## **TEAM CALLING:**

- 1) Did their calling change from chapter 11 to chapter 13? Why or why not?
- 2) What costs were involved with following the Holy Spirit's guidance in 13:2?
- 3) What do you think enabled them to say yes and send out nearly half their leadership team?

## **YOUR TEAM:**

- 1) How would you describe your team's culture?
- 2) Does your team have a clear and shared calling?
- 3) Is the Holy Spirit inviting your team to embrace anything scary? Why, why not?

# MADE OF INDIVIDUALS

SAUL/PAUL  
BARNABAS

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People—full of strengths, weaknesses, personalities and gifts—make up teams. And no two people are the same. This provides great challenge and great opportunity as teams work together.

Read the following verses and make observations for a character sketch

## SAUL/PAUL

Acts 9:1-25; Phi. 3:3-11; 1 Thess. 2:1-12

One word description

## BARNABAS

Acts 4:36-37; 9:27-31; 11:19-30

One word description

Teaming Together: Acts 9:26-27; 14:12; 15:1-12; 15:35-41; Gal. 2:1-13

- 1) How do you perceive that Paul and Barnabas complemented each other?
- 2) Where were the tension points? Why? How did they deal with conflict?
- 3) How did their history (before being sent) impact their teaming?
- 4) Where are the tension points on your team? How are they being resolved?
- 5) How has history together built trust for your team?