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In the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen (who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch) and Saul. While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."



Acts 13:1-2 (NIV)



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### Discuss

- Look at the names of the members of the Antioch church. What do they tell us about how diverse or different they might be from each other.
- Besides ethnicity (or skin color), what ways do you see a variety of differences in people who come to your church?
- Why is it important to appreciate one another's differences within a church?
- Also, why are diverse kinds of *activities* in church ministry important?



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### Pray

- Thank the Lord for the variety of people in your church.
- Praise Him for all the different kinds of ministries that He has made possible and blessed in your congregation.
- Pray for people different from you around the world who also know Jesus. Some of them may face opposition for their faith.
- Pray also for missionaries who are sharing the Gospel to a great variety of people in far off places.



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