



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH R O C H E S T E R

Sermon Discussion Guide July 7, 2024

Refresh

Read Jeremiah 29:4-7, Acts 13:2-3, & Matthew 9:37-38 to get the Scripture passages back in your mind.

Discuss

The service will look a little different tomorrow, and we will not be looking at Spiritual Gifts or Ephesians. In light of the July 4th holiday, I'll be making a few comments about our nation and we'll also be talking about missions to the nations. Following are a few questions that may help facilitate discussion.

1. As a Christian, how do you view patriotism, particularly in relation to the local church? Can we show a loyalty to God and country? How do we use the Bible to help us prioritize our allegiances.
2. In Jeremiah 29:4-7, the Lord gives instructions to His people for how they are to live as pilgrims in a foreign land. What parallels are in this passage as we consider ourselves pilgrims living in a 'foreign' land looking forward to ultimately going to our heavenly home?
3. When people use the phrase 'called to ministry', what do you think this means? How is the call of Paul and Barnabus described in Acts 13:2-3?
4. What role did the church play in the confirming and commissioning of Paul and Barnabus? How should the church today go about this process?
5. Have you ever felt called to ministry or missions, and if so, how did you respond to this call?
6. Why do you think there are less people going into ministry and missions? What could we do here at our church to encourage more people to consider ministry and missions?
7. Take a few moments and pray that the 'Lord of the harvest' (Matt. 9:37-38) would send forth laborers from First Baptist. Also, pray for Steve and Andrea Szokola as they head to Africa this August to confirm their call to missions.