



## Did God Really Say...? - Acts 13:1-12

1. In Acts 13:1-2, we see God's people were again gathered together in fasting and prayer before the Holy Spirit began to speak. Why is it essential that prayer and fasting precede the Holy Spirit's direction?
2. Read Deuteronomy 18:20-22. From this passage, what can we glean about God's heart when it comes to speaking on His behalf? Read Deuteronomy 13:1-5. What do we learn about God's heart regarding testing all things? 1 Thess. 5:21
3. Go around the room and explain how you determine if your thoughts, ideas, or feelings are from God or you. How do you test them?
4. If God's people were not fasting and praying together, Saul and Barnabas could have been sent to the wrong location or not even have gone at all. What does this show us about having unity as we venture out by the guidance of the Holy Spirit?
5. Why has it become so easy in our church culture to say, "God told me"...? Should we be fearful of uttering those words? Should we say them with caution?
6. How does saying "God told me..." shut down the conversation? How would responding with, "How did God tell you..." bring people back to the Word of God and Biblical unity?
7. Do you have people in your life who you can invite into your decisions and trust them to speak the truth to you? Do they know that you want the truth? Do you ask them often to speak truth into your life? Why or why not?