

## **Sermon Worksheet, 10/18/09**

*So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off. The two of them, sent on their way by the Holy Spirit, went down to Seleucia and sailed from there to Cyprus. (Acts 13:3-4)*



**Passage:** Luke 21:12-15, Acts 6:1-15, 7:51-60

**Theme:** Sent by the Holy Spirit, No.9

In this drill, we will learn how the power of the Holy Spirit works for us.

### **Observations:**

- 1) What was the problem the Early Church had as described at the beginning of Acts 6. And what did the Twelve suggest for that problem?
- 2) Pay attention to the descriptions used for the seven men, and more particularly Stephen, who were chosen for that task. In v. 3, what were the qualifications for these men? In vv. 5, 8 and 10, how was Stephen? And what does it indicate about his speech in chapter 7, or how does it prepare for that speech?
- 3) What was the reaction of the people who were listening to Stephen's speech? How can it be explained according to Acts 6:10 or Luke 21:15? On the other hand, how was Stephen that time according to 7:55?

### **Personal Applications:**

- 1) What do you learn from the problem that the Early Church had in the above passage? Can you apply it to your church today?
- 2) As we have seen above in observation question no.2 (Luke 21:15 included), Luke uses many pair words to describe what the power of the Holy Spirit was like and how it worked. Please list all the pair words you find in the above passages. Do you find any words that seem unrelated to the power of Holy Spirit in your mind among those pair words? What do you learn from these expressions?
- 3) Please explain the power of the Holy Spirit in your words: how it works, and for what purpose(s) it works. And what do you need to do for that power to work for you?

### **Prayers, and etc.**

- 1) Do you wish to receive the power of the Holy Spirit? Then, pray by keeping in mind what you have learned in this drill.
- 2) Don't you find a problem that is similar to the one you see at the beginning of Acts 6 in your group, family or church? If so, please pray.
- 3) Pray for the recent newcomers, and the individuals whom you want to bring to church till the end of October. Please list their names and include the list in your report.