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Listening for Mission

## Session 6: Preparing for Action

### Welcome

Think of an occasion when a plan did not work but when good things came out anyway. Share with the group what made the good things possible.

### Word

Read Acts 13 and 14 (Barnabas and Paul's first steps in mission).

- Did everything go to plan?
- How did they adjust as events moved forward?
- What do you need to remember from this as you make your first steps together?

Pray for each other and about what God is saying to you.

### Witness

Listen to the feedback and improve your plans as needed.

You may also want to think about:

- How often does the team need to meet, to pray, worship and listen to God, to one another, and to the feedback from the people you are serving?
- Who else do you want to be part of the team? Or to be involved in other ways?
- Do you need partners, such as other agencies or churches?
- How much will this cost financially? Is a budget needed? Do you need to ask for funding – and where from?
- Does the team – or individuals in it – need more training?  
Training in what?

- Does the team need a companion who will meet with you regularly and review your progress? Who might that be?

## Worship

Give thanks

- for what you have noticed about what God is like in the past few sessions
- for what you have heard from God in the past few sessions
- for the people you want to serve and the signs of God's presence there

Barnabas and Paul were 'commended to the grace of God for the work' (Acts 14. 26). Praise God for his grace, seen in Jesus, to us and to others.

NB: These small group notes are based on the Booklet "Listening for Mission" available from [www.freshexpressions.org.uk](http://www.freshexpressions.org.uk). Your group might like a copy each.