

Focus Points

"Focus Points" are short activities that draw students into the lesson. They take only a few minutes to do. Many can be used as quick-start activities to engage the students and focus their attention at the beginning of class. Others may fit well during the lesson to reinforce a point and drive it home. Still others may serve as good wrap-up activities. "Focus Points" come in many forms. Choose and use them as you see fit.

Focus Point – Guided by the Holy Spirit

Acts 13:2 *As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.*

Bring in some familiar communication devices. Starting with them, make a list on a blackboard or chart:

Cell phone, I-Pad, e-mail, DVD, Bible, newspaper, magazine, personal letter.

Brainstorm additions to the list with your students. Then have them answer these questions:

- 1 – What common purpose do all of these things serve?
- 2 – How might each one be used to preach the gospel?

Cross off all the things that were *not* available to the Apostle Paul and then ask these additional questions:

- 3 – How did the apostles communicate the gospel of salvation to others in the first century?
- 4 – Why were they so successful with almost none of the communication methods that we use today?