Satanic Resistance John MacArthur

I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Acts 13.
- B. Satan is working today as he was then.
- II. The church at Antioch was spirit empowered.
 - A. This is the key in any church.
 - B. This is a church that consistently walks in obedience to Christ. (Colossians 3, Ephesians 5)
- III. Characteristics of a spirit empowered church.
 - A. Spiritual leadership. (Acts 6)
 - B. Spiritual ministry.
 - 1. The Apostles worshipped and prayed.
 - 2. Their ministry to the people was an act of worship to God.
 - 3. They fasted to express intensity in their prayers.
 - C. Spiritual mission.
 - 1. Some will depart the faith because they give way to seducing spirits. (1 Timothy 4)
 - 2. Satan is trying to end the spiritual mission before it begins. (2 Timothy 3:8)
 - 3. Satan attacks internally and externally. (2 Timothy 4:11)
 - 4. Satan needs to be addressed head on.

Application Questions:

1. What does a spiritual ministry look like? How would you evaluate modern ministries based on this?
2. What ways does Satan attack today? How can one prepare?
3. How can we ensure that the church has spiritual leadership?