

## Let Them Hear

Lesson Ten • Acts 11:19-30

### The Church at Antioch

#### The Gospel Spreads through Two Churches

##### Jerusalem Church

Founded by named apostles  
Made up of mono-ethnic believers  
Mission base to the Jews  
Scattered as a result of persecution

##### Antioch Church

Founded by unnamed disciples  
Made up of multi-ethnic believers  
Mission base to the Gentiles  
Started as a result of persecution

#### The Church at Antioch: A Model for Our Church Today

### 1. Let Us PROCLAIM the Gospel to All Peoples with Courage!

*Now those who were scattered after the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to no one but the Jews only. But some of them were men from Cyprus and Cyrene, who, when they had come to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number believed and turned to the Lord. Acts 11:19-21*

#### The Courage of the Antioch Church

After the persecution in Jerusalem and fleeing to Antioch, some UNNAMED Christ-followers proclaimed the Gospel to Gentiles, and a great number believed and turned to the Lord for salvation.

### 2. Let Us REMAIN True to the Lord with Commitment!

*Then news of these things came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent out Barnabas to go as far as Antioch. When he came and had seen the grace of God, he was glad, and encouraged them all that with purpose of heart they should continue with the Lord. For he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord. Then Barnabas departed for Tarsus to seek Saul. And when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for a whole year they assembled with the church and taught a great many people. And the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch. Acts 11:22-26*

#### The Commitment of the Antioch Church:

- They were committed to the TEACHING of God's Word.
- They were committed to the TESTIMONY of Jesus Christ.

### 3. Let Us GIVE to People in Need with Compassion!

*And in these days prophets came from Jerusalem to Antioch. Then one of them, named Agabus, stood up and showed by the Spirit that there was going to be a great famine throughout all the world, which also happened in the days of Claudius Caesar. Then the disciples, each according to his ability, determined to send relief to the brethren dwelling in Judea. This they also did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul. Acts 11:27-30*

#### The Compassion of the Antioch Church

The disciples, as each was financially able, sent RELIEF to the believers in Judea in response to a great famine.

#### The Defining Mark of the Antioch Church

The "HAND OF GOD" was with them as they proclaimed the Gospel.

*And the hand of the Lord was with them... Acts 11:21*

#### Pray for Our Church

- Pray that God's POWER of blessing will be with us as we proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- Pray that unbelievers will BELIEVE and turn to the Lord for salvation and be added to our church.
- Pray that we will remain STEADFAST in the Lord in the face of adversity, difficulty, and suffering.