

PBF CONNECT GROUP STUDY GUIDE

For the week of June 18-24

Acts 11:19-30 – Antioch in the Lord’s Plan

Synopsis: The persecuted believers from Judea scattered to Antioch and shared the gospel with Jews and Gentiles alike. Their success caught the attention of the Judean church who sent Barnabas to visit them. With Saul’s help, he encouraged and taught the young church for a whole year, seeing great fruit.

Into the Bible

1. What do you think is the significance of the author not telling us of any well-known Christians or apostles being in the group who first went and evangelized Antioch?
2. Why do you think Barnabas got Saul to come help him in Antioch?
3. What is the significance of the Antioch church consisting of a mixture of Jews and Gentiles?
4. How does a promise made (Gen. 12:1-3) nearly 2000 years prior to these events help us to make sense of them?

5. What do you think is the significance of the believers now being called Christians? How might that effect their relationship with the Jews? The Romans?

6. Where in the passage do you see the root of the church’s effectiveness? Why was the church so successful?

Application

7. Of the four forms of ministry mentioned in our passage (evangelism, encouragement, teaching, and charity), which is most important to you? Why?
8. How does Acts 11:19-30 point us to Christ?