



The Church in Antioch

Acts 11:19-30

Acts 11:19 Among the Jews

1. As _____ (according to God's plan) in Acts 1:8.
(Judea, Samaria, ends of the Earth)
2. As _____ in Matthew 28:18-20 (disciples, baptize, and teach).
3. As _____ by God at Stephen's martyrdom – Acts 8:4.
4. At a _____ set by a sovereign God. (It has been seven years since the miracle of tongues and the beginning of the church age.)

Observation: God is _____ anxious, and he will not be _____ – but when it comes to His Sovereign Will, he cannot be _____.

The hard part here is that even though we know the destination, we are completely **oblivious to the path** God plans to take to get there.

Acts 11:20 5-7 years beyond Pentecost

1. "them" - _____ of Stephen's murder
 - Jews living in and _____ Gentiles (Greeks) already
 - Men **discipled** enough to know their calling, but perhaps **fearful**
2. They went specifically to speak to " _____ " about the "good news" of Jesus.

Acts 11:21 Success

1. The Lord's _____ (power, provision, guidance, preparation) was with them
2. A Great number of people _____ ...
3. ... and _____.

Acts 11:22-24 Barnabas

1. Barnabas was: He **sold land and donated the money** to the church (Acts 4:36-37)
The ONE who **befriended Saul** and brought him to the Apostles.
(Acts 9:27)
A _____ man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith (Acts 11:24)
2. Barnabas _____ them in their faith & practices. (people **were** brought)

Observation: Barnabas is such an important figure in God's work because he was _____, _____, faithful, and obedient.

Acts 11:25-26 Barnabas and Saul

1. Barnabas saw a need at Antioch, and knew just the right person for the job.
2. Barnabas saw a need in Saul, and knew just the right ministry to _____ him.
3. God's plan for a church and for developing qualified leaders was working great.
 - First _____ Church
 - First time/place that believers were called _____ (little Christs)

Observation: Discipleship and/or Mentoring relationships are _____ to accomplishing God's plans for his people and his church here on Earth.

- **Jesus** disciplined many, and mentored 12
- **The Apostles** disciplined the church in Jerusalem (Barnabas being just one)
- **Those disciples** are now discipling Greeks in Antioch
- **Barnabas** is _____ Saul

Acts 11:27-30 **God shows his approval** by doing a strong work through this new church in Antioch (Brought prophets, gave a prophecy, initiated a relief program)

Final Observation: The _____ place we want to be as believers, is in the **center** of God's will, **doing** His work, and seeing God accomplish great things – no matter how _____ it takes.