



Acts - The Expansion of the Church - Encouragements in Antioch

Acts 11:19-30

Discussion Questions for May 31st, 2026

1. (Icebreaker) What are your thoughts and feelings about Pastor Rob following the Lord's call to be the lead pastor of Mission Point in Warsaw? Share any favorite memories involving him or his family from the last 5 years.
2. What did you learn about the city of Antioch? What makes it distinctive, and which modern city in our country would have some of those same qualities?
3. Why is it important that Christianity expanded not away from culture, but into places filled with competing worldviews and moral confusion?
4. **Encouragement #1: Take the risk in sharing the love of Jesus.** Who is more likely to receive Jesus as Lord, a Jew or a Hellenist? What are some ways Christians today can still subtly limit who we believe is "most likely" to receive the gospel?
5. **Encouragement #2: Never stop encouraging one another.** Notice that Barnabas didn't set up shop and begin a preaching ministry centered on himself. Why do you think he went to get Paul? How did this affect the new believers in Antioch and Paul himself?
6. **Encouragement #3: Never stop taking care of one another.** Look for all of the instances of God moving in this passage. What phrases are used? How could you use this passage to explain how both human faithfulness and God's activity are needed for the church to function?
7. The disciples of Jesus were first called "Christians" in Antioch. What other names or labels do you hear used today? Which do you commonly use the most? Why?

8. Pray together that the blood of Jesus and his broken body will be in our minds as we continue to follow Him. Pray for the loving encouragement of Barnabas to be found in us as well. Pray that we display boldness in proclaiming Jesus to those around us, whether they seem likely to receive it or not.