

ACTS

LIVING ON MISSION

Acts 11:19–30; 13:1–3

October 29, 2023

BELONG

Get to Know One Another

Take a **few minutes** to hear about your group members' week.

- **What is the farthest from home you have ever been? Why were you there?**

BELIEVE

Read this Week's Scripture

Last week, we saw Peter learn and teach that God does not play favorites. The good news of Jesus Christ is for everyone! This week, Pastor Jacob's sermon - "The Missional Church" - focused on the church in Antioch found in **Acts 11:19–30 & Acts 13:1–3**. Through the church at Antioch we see - with clarity - that nothing can stop the Word of God from increasing and multiplying.

Have someone in your group read **Acts 11:19–30**

Question 1: In **Acts 11:24**, Luke uses three phrases to describe Barnabas. **What were they?**

- How do these descriptions [AND what we learned back in **Acts 4:36–37**] help us to understand why the church would send *him* to Antioch?

Have someone in your group read **Acts 13:1–3**

Question 2: After fasting and praying, what does the church do before sending off Saul and Barnabas?

- Why do you think they do this? [*Compare Acts 6:6; 8:17; 9:17 and 19:6 to help with your answer.*]

BUILD

Engage the Scripture

Question 3: When he could have chosen any disciple to travel with him to Antioch, why do you think Barnabas chooses Saul [**Acts 11:25**]?

Question 4: What term does Luke use to describe the disciples of Jesus Christ in **Acts 11:26**?

- Wrestle with the words "Disciple" and "Christian." Is there a difference between these words?

Question 5: In **Acts 13:1**, Luke names the prophets and the teachers. What do their names tell us about the church in Antioch?

BECOME

Apply the Scripture

Question 6: After looking at the text today, in what ways do you see the Holy Spirit working in the church at Antioch?

- How do you OR do you see the Holy Spirit working at FBC Portland?

Question 7: Which “label” are you most comfortable with: disciple, believer, or Christian?

- And why are you comfortable with that label?

Question 8: How can diversity in leadership facilitate the gospel to unbelievers?

Question 9: What can we learn from the church at Antioch about sending out people for evangelism and church planting?

Question 10: From these passages, list the characteristics of the church at Antioch.

- How does the list of characteristics of the church at Antioch reflect on the ministry at FBC Portland?

BEGIN

Response and Prayer

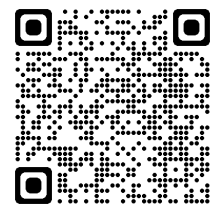
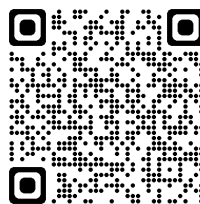
How should it change the way you pray, think, speak or act this week?

At the end of the conversation, spend some time praying as a group. Here are some prompts:

- Spend some group time-sharing requests and praying specifically for them.
- Spend some time praying for FBC and how God is working in and through FBC Portland.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Blue Letter Bible: [Acts 11](#) & [Acts 13](#): Check out the QR code to learn more.



Precept Austin: [Acts 11](#) & [Acts 13](#): Check out the QR code to learn more.

