

Application Suggestions and Questions, September 6, 2020
Rediscovering Church: "The Antioch Movement"
Acts 11:19-30

Accountability to One Another (Looking Back)

- How has God been working in your life? Has He answered prayer?
- What are some areas of struggle? Ask an accountability partner to pray for you.
- Over the last week, did you have a Gospel conversation or prayer with someone?

Intimacy with God (Looking Up)

- After reading the story of Antioch, do you envision God starting a church planting movement where you are? Do you believe the Holy Spirit still works powerfully like He did at Pentecost?
- The suffering of the believers in Acts 8:1 led to the fulfillment of Jesus' words in Acts 1:8. The Gospel was scattered broadly. How do you believe God will use the suffering of 2020 to scatter & spread the Gospel in America?
- The text says that the "Lord's hand" was with the Antioch believers & that they reflected the grace of God. Do you see the Lord's hand on your life? Do you reflect His grace?
- Verse 24 says that Barnabas was "a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith". As a result, many people came to faith in Christ. Pray right now that you will be filled with the Spirit like Barnabas!
- Antioch believers were bold in their witness and, as a result, many people were "added to the Lord". How often do you boldly share your faith?
- The Antioch church planting movement started with a diverse group of ordinary Christians that had been scattered due to the persecution. Does it encourage you to know this? What do you believe needs to change in the American church to see a multiethnic lay movement take place?
- Pastor Kent shared that the Antioch church "released its best leaders" to start new work. Most churches today don't practice this. Why do you think this is? How can we change this attitude?
- Encouragement was Barnabas' gift & it strengthened & expanded the ministry in Antioch. Are you an encourager to others in ministry? If not, pray that God will make you an encourager!

Multiplication of Disciples (Looking Ahead)

- The multiplication of disciples was part of the DNA in Antioch. We see some people being added to our church rolls but no multiplication. Pray right now that you would be a multiplier!
- Pastor Kent encouraged you to ask God to show you whose heart doors He is knocking on. Can you think of 1-2 people with whom you can have a Gospel (or spiritual) conversation this week?
- Your testimony is a 1-2 minute story of how God has changed your life since you became a follower of Jesus. Write out your testimony & start practicing it with loved ones & friends!
- The Antioch believers were "lay missionaries" & Pastor Kent exhorted you to practice "missionary behaviors". This means that as a Christ follower your faith is a lifestyle you lead, not something you do on Sundays. Memorize the following verses to encourage you to be missionary in nature: *"To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings."* 1 Cor. 9:22-23