

**TOPIC : THE ANTIOCH FACTOR**

**TEXT : ACTS 11 :19 - 30**

**INTRODUCTION**

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## Acts 8 : 1

*“On the day, a great persecution broke out against the church at Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria.”*

## Acts 11 : 19

*“.....spreading the word only among Jews.”*

## Acts 11 : 20

*“.....and began to speak to Greeks also, telling them the good news about the Lord Jesus.”*

## Acts 11 : 22 - 24

*“ News of this reached the church in Jerusalem , and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he arrived and saw what the grace of God had done, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts. He was a good man, full of Holy Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord.”*

## Acts 11 : 25 - 26

*“ Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, and when he found him, he brought him to Antioch. So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul met with the church and taught great numbers of people. The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.”*

# 4 MARKS OF AN ANTIOCH CHURCH

## 1. GROWING THROUGH EVANGELISM

***Acts 11 : 20 - - “ Some of them, however, men from Cyprus and Cyrene, went to Antioch and began to speak to Greeks also, telling them the good news about the Lord Jesus.”***

## AT PIERSON

*“With none of our modern facilities, the Gospel flew from lip to lip until it touched the bounds of the Roman Empire. Within one century such one-on-one evangelism shook paganism to its core...”*



*“Lead me to some soul today  
Oh, teach me, Lord just what to say  
Friends of mine are lost in sin  
And cannot find their way  
Few there are who seem to care  
And few they are who pray  
Melt my heart and fill my life  
Give me one soul today”*

# 4 MARKS OF AN ANTIOCH CHURCH

## 1. GROWING THROUGH EVANGELISM

***Acts 11 : 21 - “ The Lord’s hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord.”***

# Dawson Trotman

*“It takes only one day to make a convert  
but one year to make a disciple.”*

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## 2. GROUNDED WITH DISCIPLESHIP

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## **3. GOVERNED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT**

## **Acts 11 : 27 -29**

*“During this time some prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. One of them, named Agabus, stood up and through the Holy Spirit predicted that a severe famine would spread over the entire Roman world. (This happened during the reign of Claudius.) The disciples, as each one was able, decided to provide for the brothers and sisters living in Judea.”*

## **Acts 13 : 1 - 3**

*“Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers : Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen (who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch) and Saul. While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “ Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.”*



- ***Prophets & Teachers – Ministry Diversity***
- ***Jews & Gentiles – Ethnic Diversity***
- ***Black & White – Racial Diversity***
- ***Rich & Poor – Social Diversity***

# 4 MARKS OF AN ANTIOCH CHURCH

## 4. GEARED TOWARDS MISSIONS

***Acts 11 : 29 - “ The disciples, as each one was able decided to provide help for the brothers and sisters living in Judea.”***

***Acts 13 : 3***

*“So after they had fasted and prayed,  
they placed their hands on them and sent  
them off.”*

## **Acts 14 : 26 -28**

*“From Attalia they sailed back to Antioch, where they had been committed to the grace of God for the work they had now completed. On arriving there, they gathered the church together and reported all that God had done through them and how he opened a door of faith to the Gentiles. And they stayed there a long time with the disciples.”*

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