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Reflections

“Each of us needs an Antioch – one or more settings in which we can be ourselves in the company of a few other faithful people.... at least one place where it is safe to ‘try out’ and ‘try on’ the various visions to which God may be calling us – where we can hear the truth about ourselves without fear; where trusted friends can help us calibrate our inner tuners to hear the voice of God; and where those same colleagues are willing and able to bless us on our way.”

- Glenn McDonald, The Disciple-Making Church

“Thus the Christian understanding of the world is not only a matter of ‘dwelling in’ a tradition of understanding; it is a matter of dwelling in a story of God’s activity, activity which is still continuing. The knowledge which the Christian faith seeks is the knowledge of God who has acted and is acting.”

- Lesslie Newbigin, The Gospel in a Pluralist Society


“Now there were in the church at Antioch prophets and teachers, Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a lifelong friend of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.”

- Acts 13:1-3

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Scripture

Acts 11:19-30

¹⁹ Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except Jews. ²⁰ But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Hellenists also, preaching the Lord Jesus. ²¹ And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number who believed turned to the Lord. ²² The report of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. ²³ When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose, ²⁴ for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord. ²⁵ So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, ²⁶ and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church and taught a great many people. And in Antioch the disciples were first called Christians.

²⁷ Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. ²⁸ And one of them named Agabus stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world (this took place in the days of Claudius). ²⁹ So the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brothers living in Judea. ³⁰ And they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

Sermon

Marks of the Sent Church

Shawn Gendall

Events & News

PCC Women: Prayer, Today After the 9 AM and 5 PM Services

Women of Pacific Crossroads, you're invited to a dedicated time of prayer and fellowship on the first Sunday of the each month. Join us from 10:30 AM - 10:55 AM at SAMOHI or from 6:30 PM - 6:55 PM at St. John's. All are welcome.

Community Group and LOL Leader Retreat, August 17-19

If you're a Community Group or Life on Life Group leader, hit the pause button before the summer ends! Join us for a weekend getaway to the Mt. Gilmore Retreat Center in Malibu as we take a 360° look at what it means to be a leader.

View and sign up for all events on our mobile app, on our website, PacificCrossroads.org/Events, or speak with someone at the 'New Here?' tent.

Ministry Resources

Congregational Care

Our congregational care team is here to care for you if you are in a difficult place. Email pastoralcare@pacificcrossroads.org or call our office at 310.551.0081.

Celebrate Recovery

Join together weekly with others to celebrate God's healing power in our lives. Visit PacificCrossroads.org/CelebrateRecovery.