

Connect Group Guide: "Christ-Like" | Acts: Part 15



Passage: Acts 11:19-30

Sermon Link: <https://youtu.be/OouZXA2NELA?si=uVRMr0w8eBBWCZRe>

Welcome:

(Choose a question for your group to discuss)

- How do you think sharing the gospel today differs from sharing the gospel in times gone before?. E.g. Ancient times or around the time you were born.

Worship:

(You may choose to use YouTube or other mediums to facilitate your time of worship)

-  [Passion, Kristian Stanfill - One Thing Remains \(Lyrics And Chords/Live\)](#)

Word:

(Discuss these questions in your group, encourage everyone to take part)

Before reading the scripture:

- What do you know about the ancient city of Antioch?
- What is an example of where it is easy to share the gospel?
- What is an example of where it is difficult to share the gospel?

Read: Acts 11:19-30

- "If you work in an office where people don't serve Jesus you are in the right place." Discuss...
- Antioch was known for its business, sophistication, and culture... but also its immorality where prostitution and child sacrifice was widespread. Describe

what you think it felt like to share the gospel in this environment.

- You *must* stand up in adversity to be the salt & light of Jesus Christ. Discuss...
- “The hand of the Lord was upon those who shared the gospel and many turned to the Lord.” We cannot turn people to the Lord without the hand of the Lord. What do you think about this statement?
- Have you ever prayed for your workplace and your colleges on the way to work? If so, how did it change your perception of them?
- Barnabas was known as a great encourager. How can we practically encourage each other as we live our Christian lives?
- Paul felt the call of God but was being prepared for his ministry for 12 years. Are you willing to believe in God’s promises without seeing immediate results?

Works:

(Take some time for personal reflecting on the following questions and then share back with the group)

- Do people experience Jesus when they meet you? How can you outwardly show the love of Jesus more this week?
- How can we encourage each other to remain hopeful even when things do not look the way we expect them to?
- How can you share the gospel, walk in God’s grace, and live generously this week?

Closing:

(Remember to ask for prayer requests.)

- Pray that we may step into the fullness of what God has for us as followers of Jesus so that the people we encounter daily may know Christ.

