

# One Anothering: 'Getting a Name'

Acts 11:19-26

The background of the slide features a warm, golden-brown color palette. In the lower half, there are dark silhouettes of several people. Some have their arms raised, and one person on the right is holding hands with another, suggesting a group celebration or a church service. The overall atmosphere is one of joy and community.



# Acts 11

19 So then those who were scattered because of the persecution that occurred in connection with Stephen made their way to Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except to Jews alone. 20 But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who came to Antioch and [began] speaking to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus. 21 And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a large number who believed turned to the Lord. 22 The



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news about them reached the ears of the church at Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas off to Antioch. 23 Then when he arrived and witnessed the grace of God, he rejoiced and [began] to encourage them all with resolute heart to remain [true] to the Lord; 24 for he was a good man, and full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And considerable numbers were brought to the Lord. 25 And he left for Tarsus to look for Saul; 26 and when he had found him, he brought him to



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Antioch. And for an entire year they met with the church and taught considerable numbers; and the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.

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# From Trouble

- scattered by persecution of Stephen (ch 7)
  - From this came a change in the church
  - And, WHO was responsible? SAUL!
  - Apostles stay in Jerusalem!
  - Lost opportunities!



# “Jews alone”

- *laleo* - gossiping the gospel! common talk
- Imagine the conversations!
- Are we limiting our witness to “safe” souls?
- God raises up Cyprus/Cyrene...
  - had they heard of Peter’s vision?
  - or just remembered what Jesus said?

# Lord Jesus!

- *euaggelizō* - to announce good news!
- Jesus as **LORD** is the message!
  - Note: to say this = death as a traitor!
- Hand of the Lord!
  - large numbers believe! turned!

# Antioch Revival!?

- This was what would change their world!
- “church” hears it... sends...
- Barnabas! and they stay ‘home’...
- 24 - “good man...full of the Holy Spirit and of faith”

# NOT from “news”

- He comes and witnessed
- he sees grace of God! as with Saul...
- rejoice and encourage - *chairō; parakaleō*
- purposed, resolute heart message...
- “remain true to the Lord”

# ...and he leaves?!

- goes looking for Saul... down the road...
- brings him back to Antioch to help
- 1 year of on-the-job training/ministry
- teaching...
- “first called Christians in Antioch”