



8. Who would you say culture has identified as “untouchable,” or those who should be avoided? In your opinion, what should gospel ministry to them look like?

9. How are you encouraged and/or challenged by the early church’s example in today’s passage?



10. How is God prompting you to serve others in your community? What particular causes or areas weigh heavily on your heart? What gives you a sense of burden?

11. An important way the church thrives is by loving and supporting one another through difficulties. What needs to change for you to be more aware of the needs of those around you?



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**Notes:**

1. Authentic Christianity Produces a \_\_\_\_\_ of the Need for the Gospel
2. Authentic Christianity Produces an \_\_\_\_\_ for the Teaching of the Word
3. Authentic Christianity Produces a \_\_\_\_\_ of Christlike Behavior
4. Authentic Christianity Produces \_\_\_\_\_ for Those in Need



**BIG IDEA OF SUNDAY’S SERMON**

*True Christianity is more than a religious classification.*

## QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH

\* Think back to a major life change (wedding, birth of child, graduation, career-change, etc.). What were some adjustments, expected or unexpected, that you had to make?



*Read Acts 11:19-30*

1. From the text itself, what did you hear/learn that you did not know before this weekend?
2. From verse 19, how did God change Stephen's martyrdom into a blessing for the nations? What lessons can we personally take away from this?
3. Consider the expression "the hand of the Lord was with them" from verse 21? What did this say about how God felt about the believers' actions? What effect did this have on the growth of the church?
4. Why do you believe the church at Jerusalem sent Barnabas to report on the situation in Antioch? What does Barnabas' example teach you about the value of godly character and a good reputation? How does one go about developing such a reputation?
5. In the message, Pastor Brian said, "The harvest was too vast for Barnabas, so he went for help thinking immediately of the best man for the job - Saul." What does Barnabas' actions reveal about the need for teaching and discipleship in the church? What does it say about the need to use one's spiritual gifts?
6. In verse 26, the believers were called "Christians" for the first time. What is a literal meaning of the term and why is it so noteworthy?
7. How did sending financial aid to the church in Jerusalem show that the Christians at Antioch were maturing spiritually? What is the connection between discipleship and giving?