

A Church That IS SPIRIT DRIVEN

Acts 11:19-30

Read Acts 11:19-30

When Barnabas arrived he “saw evidence of the grace of God” among the Christians in Antioch. What do you see in this passage that highlights the grace of God at work in the church in Antioch in relation to each of the following?

Evidence #1: They were hungry for God’s word.

Evidence #2: They were committed to looking like Christ.

Evidence #3: They responded to needs with love and grace.

Should someone be able to see the evidence of the grace of God in your life? What would/should this evidence look like?

Read 2 Corinthians 9:11-12

What reflection do we cast when we mirror the generosity of God?

A Church That IS SPIRIT DRIVEN (With Notes)

Acts 11:19-30

Read Acts 11:19-30

When Barnabas arrived he “saw evidence of the grace of God” among the Christians in Antioch. What do you see in this passage that highlights the grace of God at work in the church in Antioch in relation to each of the following?

Evidence #1: They were hungry for God’s Word.

One of the things that is notable about the church in Antioch is the enthusiasm with which they embrace the teaching of God’s Word brought to them by Barnabas and Saul. Barnabas spends time encouraging them to remain faithful to God’s Word. He then travels to Tarsus and returns with Saul to Antioch where the two men continue to teach to large groups.

As Christians we must recognize that our dependence on the Word of God. Our hunger for God’s Word begins with a humble spirit and a desire to be closer to Him.

Evidence #2: They were committed to looking like Christ.

“The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.” Their commitment to Christ was so plain and transparent that those around them could examine their lives and see Christ living in them.

Evidence #3: They responded to needs with love and grace.

The prophet Agabus comes to Antioch and predicts a great famine that will spread over the entire Roman world. The people listen intently to the Word of God and respond with loving hearts. They determine that each of them will provide help according to his ability and they collect a gift to be given to their brothers in Jerusalem.

Should someone be able to see the evidence of the grace of God in your life? What would/should this evidence look like? *Personal reflection...*

Read 2 Corinthians 9:11-12

What reflection do we cast when we mirror the generosity of God? *Personal reflection...*

Adapted from: “Acts: A Church That Shines, by Bill Rasco”