

February 11, 2018
Acts 11:19-30

LIVING LIKE JESUS

I. Introduction:

What Does It Mean To Be A Christian?

“The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.”
Acts 11:26

II. Unpacking The Passage:

A. Three qualities the disciples possessed that reminded the people of Antioch of Jesus Christ.

1. They _____ Like Jesus

²⁰ Some of them, however, men from Cyprus and Cyrene, went to Antioch and began to speak to Greeks also, telling them **the good news about the Lord Jesus.**” Acts 11:20

2. They _____ Like Jesus

²² News of this reached the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. ²³ When he arrived and saw what the grace of God had done, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts.” Acts 11:22-23

²⁵ Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, ²⁶ and when he found him, he brought him to Antioch. So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul met with the church and taught great numbers of people. The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.” Acts 11:25-26

3. They _____ Like Jesus

²⁷ During this time some prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. ²⁸ One of them, named Agabus, stood up and through the Spirit predicted that a severe famine would spread over the entire Roman world. (This happened during the reign of Claudius.) ²⁹ The disciples, as each one was able, decided to provide help for the brothers and sisters living in Judea. ³⁰ This they did, sending their gift to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.” Acts 11:27-30

III. Conclusion And Application:

If you were on trial for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?

POINTS TO PONDER Week of February 12th Acts 11:19-30

Open It

1. What do you like or dislike about traveling?
2. When you have too much to do, whom do you call on for help?
3. If those who know you best were discussing your character, what do you think they would say was one of your strengths?

Explore It

4. What was one of the results of Stephen's martyrdom? (11:19)
5. To whom was the news about Christ being told? (11:19)
6. Who spoke to the Greeks in Antioch about the Lord Jesus? (11:20)
7. What caused the news about Christ to take hold among many who heard it? (11:21)
8. What resulted from the ministry of the Christians? (11:21)
9. How did the church at Jerusalem respond to the increase in numbers of new believers? (11:22)
10. How did Barnabas encourage the Christians at Antioch? (11:23)
11. What was exemplary about Barnabas? (11:24)
12. What happened to the work in Antioch? (11:24)
13. Why did Barnabas go to Tarsus to look for Saul? (25-26)
14. Where were the disciples first called Christians? (11:26)
15. Who was Agabus? (11:27)
16. What did Agabus predict? (11:28)
17. What did the Christians do for the believers in Judea? Why? (11:29-30)
18. To whom did Saul and Barnabas give the gift collected in Antioch? (11:29-30)

Get It

19. How was Stephen's martyrdom good for the church?
20. How can good sometimes come out of tragedies?
21. Why is someone like Barnabas a real asset to a church?
22. If you were more like Barnabas, how might people respond to you differently from the way they do now?
23. Which label are you most comfortable with: disciple, saint, believer, or Christian? Why?
24. Following the example of the early church, how should we help other Christians who face economic hardship?

Apply It

25. How can you do good for someone who needs your help this week?
26. *What can you do to enlarge the circle of people to whom you reach out?