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## A Church Compelled: Taking the Gospel to the World

Lesson Two • Acts 11:19-30

### Compelled by Church-Based Missions

#### Missions Is **CHURCH-BASED**: *It Begins and Ends with Local Churches!*

##### The Church at Jerusalem (Acts 2)

Planted by Known Apostles  
Members: Scattered Jews  
Missions Base to Jews (Peter)  
Scattered Due to Persecution  
Unique Model of a Church Conceived  
*Principles to Apply*

##### The Church at Antioch (Acts 11, 13)

Planted by Unknown Disciples  
Members: Scattered Jews & Gentiles  
Missions Base to Gentiles (Paul)  
Started Due to Persecution  
Universal Model of a Church Compelled  
*Pattern to Follow*

#### Church-Based Missions in a Nutshell

##### WHAT?

- Plant Churches
- Establish Churches
- Multiply Churches

##### HOW?

- Evangelism
- Discipleship
- Missions

##### SO WHAT?

- Numerical Growth of God's People
- Spiritual Growth of God's Word
- Geographical Growth of God's Churches

#### A Church Compelled by Church-Based Missions

### 1. **EVANGELIZE** Wherever God Has Planted You.

Acts 11:19-21; 8:1-4 – A “Mega” Persecution Scatters the Jerusalem Church!

- Suffering is not an excuse but a **SPRINGBOARD**.
- Scattering is for **LIVING** among lost to sow.
- Sharing is **REQUIRED** to see the lost saved. (8:4; 11:19-20)
- Strive to build relational bridges to **CROSS** cultural barriers. (11:20-21)

### 2. **DISCIPLE** as a Team Over Time.

Acts 11:22-26

WHY did the Jerusalem church *send* someone to the Antioch church? (v. 22)

WHAT does Barnabas see when he arrives at Antioch? (v. 23)

HOW does Barnabas *respond* to what he sees at Antioch? (v. 23)

WHY does Barnabas respond *this way*? (v. 24)

- Discipleship is a **NECESSITY** not a luxury.
- Disciple takes **TEAMWORK** over time. (vv. 25-26)
- Disciples **BECOME** “little Christs” in their talk and walk.  
“*And in Antioch the disciples were first called Christians.*” (v. 26b)

### 3. **MISSIONS** Begins with Giving Hearts that Build Relational Bridges to Cross Cultural Barriers.

Acts 11:27-30

- Their giving was *by faith* –
- Their giving was *intentional* –
- Their giving was *proportional* –
- Their giving was *congregational* –
- Their giving was *spiritual* –
- Their giving was *missional* –

Missions is church-based evangelism, discipleship, and missions that builds relational bridges to cross cultural barriers to plant, establish, and multiply local churches.

- Evangelize locally and globally as God opens doors of opportunity.
- Disciple as a team by investing time to grow other disciples.
- Missions begins in the home here at home with giving.

*By God's grace this is how the hand of the Lord compels local churches to take the gospel to the world! (vv. 21, 23)*

