

*Three significant points of discussion from Acts 11: 19-30.*

1. Antioch Church-An Evangelistic Church.

The passage begins with the spread of the gospel to Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, emphasising that the message of Jesus was not limited to the Jewish people.

Question: While we often look at mission opportunities overseas, do we neglect evangelism opportunity towards our neighbours?

2. Antioch Church-An Equipping Church.

The Role of Barnabas and Saul (Paul) in the equipping of the believers is very significant. Barnabas goes to Tarsus to find Saul, bringing him back to Antioch.

This shows the early church's recognition of the need for strong teaching in the growing church.

Question: What is missing in many churches are not prayer meetings but Bible studies.

A strong Bible study is catalyst to spiritual growth. Are you part of church's Bible study or a small group Bible study group?

### 3. Antioch Church-A Caring Church.

With the help of the Holy Spirit prophet Agabus predicts a severe famine, and the disciples respond proactively by providing support to the believers in Judea. Antioch Church responded to call to help without any question. They were sensitive to the Holy Spirit and acted lovingly and sacrificially.

Question: Commitment to be a caring church shows the maturity of believers. It demonstrates Christ's love in deeds.

Have you in the past years gave financially specifically for the poor and needy besides giving to the church/Sunday offerings?