

THE CHURCH AT ANTIOCH

Acts 11:19 - 30, 12:25 - 13:4

In the first great division of the book of Acts, *chapters 1-12*, the main character was Peter, and he ministered mainly to the *Jews* in the city of *Jerusalem*. But in chapter 13, the second main division begins, and all this is changed. In the following lessons, seek to discover why, and to learn the new main character, city, and people reached:

A. The Founding of the Church at Antioch: Read Acts 11:19-21

1. To what three places did some of those who were scattered because of the persecution connected with Stephen's death go? Acts 11:19a

2. Locate these places on a map. To whom did they preach? Acts 11:19b

3. What happened when some of them preached to the *Grecians* (or *Hellenists*, who were Grecian Jews) in Antioch? Acts 11:21

B. Early Leaders of the Church at Antioch: Read Acts 11:22-30, 12:1, 25

1. When news of this reached Jerusalem, whom did the church there send to Antioch? Acts 11:22 (See also 9:26, 27, 4:36, 37)

2. How did he feel when he saw what had happened? Acts 11:23a

3. What did he teach them? Acts 11:23b

4. What happened as a result of his ministry there? Acts 11:24b

5. Where did he then go, and why? Acts 11:25

6. Trace this journey on a map. What did Barnabas and Saul do when they returned to Antioch? Acts 11:26a

7. Had Saul had any previous experience in Christian service? Acts 9:20-30

8. What new name was given to the disciples in Antioch? Acts 11:26b

9. When the prophet Agabus, from Jerusalem, prophesied that there would be a great famine throughout all the world of their day, what did the church at Antioch decide to do? Acts 11:29

10. By whom did they send these gifts to Jerusalem? Acts 11:30

11. What happened about the time they arrived there? Acts 12:1

12. When Barnabas and Saul returned to Antioch after this event, whom did they take with them? Acts 12:25, 12

C. God's Message to the Church at Antioch: Read Acts 13:1-4

1. After their return to Antioch, what were Barnabas and Saul and the other leaders of the church doing? Acts 13:2a

2. What message came to them as they did this? Acts 13:2b

3. What did the church do as a result? Acts 13:3b

4. But what did they do first? Acts 13:3a

5. Who was it that really sent Barnabas and Saul out as missionaries? Acts 13:4a

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Was Barnabas' and Saul's call to be missionaries the first step in their service for the Lord?

2. If I would be called of the Lord for great tasks in the future, what must I begin doing right now? (See 1 Corinthians 4:2; Luke 16:10, 12)
