

THE ANTIOCH CHURCH

Acts 11:19-13:3

Key Verse 13:3

“So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.”

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Read 11:19-21. How did the gospel spread? What was unusual about the work of God in Antioch?
2. Read 11:22-24. Who was Barnabas? (4:36,37; 9:27) Why did he go to Antioch? How did he build up the church there? Read 11:25-26. Why did he get Saul? Why did worldly people call them "Christians"? (26)
3. What was the crisis that occurred throughout the Roman Empire? What did the disciples in Antioch do? (2Co 8:9; Ac 20:35) In what ways was the Antioch church well-fitted to be a world mission church?
4. Read 12:1-19a. What was going on with believers in Jerusalem? How did God save Peter? What can we learn about prayer?
5. What happened to Herod? (12:19b-23) What do these events show about God's sovereign control of history? About the men who were the real leaders of the world?
6. Why did the church in Antioch decide to send Barnabas and Saul as missionaries? Why might it have been hard for them to send these men? What can we learn from these chapters about God?