

## The Antioch Dream

Acts 11:19-30; 13:1-3 | Pastor Mike Foster | August 20, 2023

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Joining with God to bring the nations to the gospel and the gospel to the nations.

### The Antioch Priorities:

Engaging neighbors. Equipping believers. Empowering leaders.

### The Antioch Power:

· The Hand of God (11:21)

· The Grace of God (11:23)

· The Spirit of God (11:24, 28; 13:2)

Drop your paddle. Trim your sails. Live God's dream.

## Group Discussion Questions:

1. What stood out to you most from the message?
2. Take some time to read Acts 11:19-30 and 13:1-3. Make a list of observations about God's work at Antioch. What stands out to you?
3. Read Acts 11:21 and Psalm 44:3-4. Describe a time when you sensed the Lord's hand was with you. Why do you think his hand was with you?
4. In your own words, describe the difference between joining God in something and asking God to join you in something. How can we be more intentional to understand what God wants to do and to join Him in it?
5. Read Acts 11:23. What evidence of the grace of God have you seen in your life or ministry lately?
6. Read the description of Barnabas in Acts 11:24. If this description was on your gravestone, would you be satisfied? Why or why not?
7. Read Acts 13:1-3. What do you observe about the work of the Holy Spirit in this passage? Do you believe the Holy Spirit can direct his church like this today? Have you ever experienced such a leading of the Holy Spirit?
8. What are some ways we can check to make sure we are being led by the Spirit and not by our own will and desire?
9. We talked about "trimming the sails" to catch the wind of the Holy Spirit. What would it look like to "trim the sails" in your life in this season? Anything you need to stop doing or start doing in order to experience a greater fullness of the Spirit?
10. Spend some time praying for God to lead us in joining Him to bring the nations to the gospel and the gospel to the nations

## For Further Reflection:

Read Psalm 33:16-22, Psalm 44:1-8, Zechariah 4:6, Acts 1:8

Read about being filled with the Spirit – <https://bit.ly/spiritfilledsailing>

Read "The Legacy of Antioch" – <https://bit.ly/legacyofantioch>

Read about what the diverse church of Antioch can teach us

– <https://bit.ly/diversechurchantioch>

Read "Learning to Make Disciples of Jesus: The Calling of Every Believer"

– <https://bit.ly/learndisciples>

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