

Growing to Fruitfulness

Acts 11:19-30

When is “almost” not _____?

Sometimes, we might think “almost” is good enough,
yet the _____ is greater than we expected!

How might we miss God’s full _____ for us?

Acts 1:8: You will be my witnesses...

In _____

In _____ and _____

To the _____ of the _____

Acts 11:19-30

19-21: _____ church started in Antioch

Greek-speaking _____ settled in Greek-speaking _____

Gospel was told to _____

...by Christians who were not from _____

The Lord was at _____

A **great number of people** “believed and _____ to the Lord”

22-24: Barnabas (from Jerusalem) encouraged _____

Barnabas from _____/Jerusalem encouraged growth

Like Samaria and Caesarea, yet much farther away

He “saw *what* the _____ of God *had done*”. Maybe:

Many new _____

Many new _____ (non-Jewish) Christians

_____ Christians (Jewish and Gentile)

Unity in the _____

He encouraged continued _____ focus on the Lord Jesus
(concern about lost focus)

A **great number** of people followed _____

25-26: _____ joined Barnabas for a year of teaching

Barnabas looked for _____ Acts 9:15

They _____ **great numbers** of people

Called “Christians”: No longer a subset of _____

27-30: Antioch church gave to _____ church in Jerusalem

The prophet Agabus told of coming need in _____

Gentile Christians provided help to _____ Christians

_____ and _____ to others together was a key sign of growing
in the Lord Jesus

The Big Idea:

God’s _____ work

in individuals and in a community

flows

from _____ [becoming a Christian]

through _____ [becoming more like Jesus]

to _____ [doing the works of Jesus]

in the Lord

John 15:8; Matthew 10:8; Mark 4:18-19

the _____ of this life

the deceitfulness of _____

the _____ for other things

Application:

_____ until there is fruitfulness

Barnabas “encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all
their hearts”

Get to _____ Jesus more:

Head:

Heart:

Hands:

Together...

Pray to _____ Jesus more

“The _____ hand was with them”

_____ fruitfulness

What have you _____, whether much or little?

Grow in _____ and _____ proportionately and generously as
God has given to us

Reflection Questions

- What might “remaining true to the Lord with all your heart” look like for you this week?
- Which of the thorns that Jesus described in Mark 4:18-19 are most challenging for you?
- What has God given to you that He can use to bring goodness to others? Think about tangible gifts (like money or other resources) as well as serving and intangible things (like kindness, prayer, time, abilities). How will you give and serve this week?