

Living Waters Chapel
~ SERMON NOTES ~
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SERMON SERIES: “*The Early Church*”

SERMON TITLE: “*The Antioch Ministry Model*”

SCRIPTURE: Acts 11:19-30

INTRODUCTION: The church in Antioch was powerful in spreading God’s Word, effective learners of God’s Word, and cared for others through acts of kindness.

POWERFUL IN SPREADING GOD’S WORD (vv. 19-21)

Spreading God’s Word with an Adding Value and Authentic Mindset (verses 19-20)

- We need to learn how to live faithfully, sensibly, calmly, wisely, graciously, and politely among those who are far from God.
- We are in a war, and a war is never fought by escaping. We must be involved with people.
- We must be willing to fight for the good of an individual's soul, having an awareness that what is at stake is eternity.
- We must build relationships with people, have an awareness of their interests, and consider their knowledge of biblical truths.

The Lord is Supreme (v. 21)

We can’t manipulate the hand of the Lord into doing amazing things in our community, but we can ask for God’s hand of blessing as we speak about Him to others.

EFFECTIVE LEARNERS OF GOD’S WORD (vv. 22-26)

Accountable (verse 22)

- Paul and Barnabas wanted to ensure excellence, quality control, and evaluate what was going on at the church in Antioch.

Encouragement (verses 23-24)

- Encouragement flows out of our intimate relationship with God and being empowered by the Holy Spirit.
- We need to encourage others to persevere in the faith and care for their hearts.

Multiplication (verses 25-26)

- We all need to know and learn how to faithfully apply the instruction from God’s Word to our lives.
- We must see ourselves and others as sinners saved only by grace through faith in Jesus alone.
- There is no room for superiority or elitism in the Christian faith.
- Followers of Jesus are all about Jesus.

CARING THROUGH COMPASSION (verses 27-30)

- Put others first; show compassion according to your own ability, even if it means starting small.
- They gave as much money as they could because the message of the Gospel had transformed their lives.
- They were active and united in their giving to meet the needs of others.

CONCLUSION: These verses show us a picture of a dynamic church at work. May we continue to be a body of believers that commits to powerfully spreading the Word of God, desiring to effectively learn from God’s Word, and caring for others through acts of compassion.