

A Tale of Two Churches

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Acts 11:19-26; 13:1-3

I. Local Church-centered

The persecution of Stephen leads those to go to outside cities and preach the gospel. Many were added and a church was birthed in Antioch.

It is from this church that news spreads to the apostles in Jerusalem and they send Barnabas to investigate what is taking place there. Barnabas is so encouraged that he goes and looks for Paul who is in Tarsus.

Barnabas brings Paul back with him to Antioch where they teach the disciples there and the church continues to grow.

II. Gospel-centered

The believers went to Antioch and preached the gospel not only to Jews but to the Gentiles (Hellenist) as well.

“The goal of the gospel is to produce a type of people consumed with passion for God and love for others.” JD Greear

III. Gift-centered

“Now there were in the church at Antioch prophets and teachers...While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting the Holy Spirit said...”

There were prophets and teachers as well as pastors and evangelists!

IV. Mission-centered

“Set part for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them...”

We are sending or being sent!

