



## Introduction

In this passage, we witness how God first spreads the gospel to the Gentile world. This new mission movement is unprecedented! More importantly, it is revolutionary and it provides the ground rules on how to do church, even today.

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**Acts 11:19-30**

**“Sin City + God =  
Revival”**

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## Explanation (Read Acts 11:19-30)

**Acts 11:19-21** – Sin City and Gentiles plus God equals Revival!

- What stands out in this passage? What makes these verses so “revolutionary”?
- What can learn from how these early Christians did ministry?

As we discover, God takes a sinful, immoral city like Antioch and makes it a shining example of the gospel movement. God takes two polarized groups of people, the Christian Jews and the Gentiles, and unites them under the banner of Jesus Christ.

- How does this give us hope? What does this tell us about the God we serve?

**Acts 11:22-24** – Love God and do as you please

Barnabas was a man who lived and breathed Jesus. He was cheerful, encouraging, and gracious, especially with the new Christians in Antioch. When he first met the new Christians, instead of rebuking them for their “immaturities”, he encourages them to keep running after Jesus!

- Why do you think Barnabas simply told the new Christians to keep following Jesus wholeheartedly?
- What do you think of St. Augustine's quote, “Love God and do as you please”? How does that make you feel?

**Acts 11:25-26** – Christian, more than a Facebook status

The early believers were called Christians because they truly lived a transformed life. The non-believing Gentiles were baffled by the Christian's harmony, generosity, fellowship, and desire to grow in Christ.

- What do you think people of Kelowna see differently in us?
- Do you feel like your life is transformed? Are you living a transformed life?

1. Spend some time praying (by name) for some of the people in your life who don't know Jesus (yet).
2. Identify one person each that the group will pray for regularly (leaders – note down the names and remind the group each time you meet)
3. Plan a group ‘social’ that you will endeavor to invite that person to