### WELCOME FAMILY & FRIENDS



# EVANGELISM BECOMES A FOCUS OF THE CHURCH (ACTS 11) — PART 3



#### REVIEW OF PREVIOUS LESSON:

We saw how Antioch became active in evangelism.



#### IN THIS LESSON:

•We will explore how Barnabas brought Saul (Paul) into the work in Antioch.





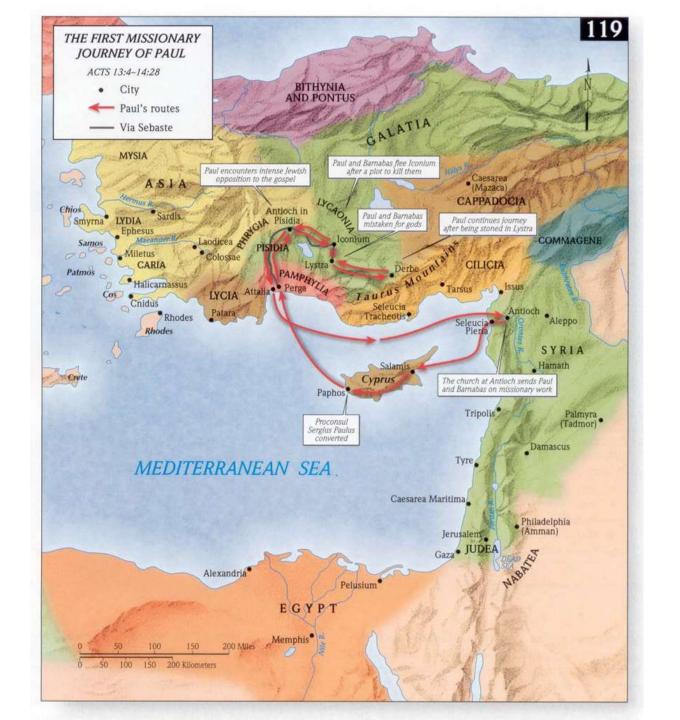
### BARNABAS BRINGS SAUL (PAUL) INTO THE WORK IN ANTIOCH

Acts 11:25 - 30

### ACTS 11:25 - 26 (ESV)

25 So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, 26 and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church and taught a great many people. And in Antioch the disciples were first called Christians.





# ONLY TWO OTHER TIMES IS THE NAME CHRISTIAN USED TO DESCRIBE FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CHRIST:

- •Acts 26:28 (ESV) (28 And Agrippa said to Paul, "In a short time would you persuade me to be a Christian?")
- 1 Peter 4:16 (ESV) (16 Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name.)



### ISAIAH 62:2 (ESV)

2 The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give.



### ISAIAH 56:3 - 5 (ESV)

3 Let not the foreigner who has joined himself to the LORD say, "The LORD will surely separate me from his people"; and let not the eunuch say, "Behold, I am a dry tree." 4 For thus says the LORD: "To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths, who choose the things that please me and hold fast my covenant, 5 I will give in my house and within my walls a monument and a name better than sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name that shall not be cut off.



### ACTS 11:27 - 28 (ESV)

27 Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. 28 And one of them named Agabus stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world (this took place in the days of Claudius).



### ACTS 21:10 (ESV)

10 While we were staying for many days, a prophet named Agabus came down from Judea.





### THIS FAMINE BEGAN IN 44 AD AND LAST UNTIL ABOUT 48 AD.

### ACTS 11:29 (ESV)

29 So the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brothers living in Judea.





### IT IS INSPIRING TO NOTE THAT HERE WE HAVE GENTILE CHRISTIANS SENDING AID TO JEWISH CHRISTIANS.

### THIS WON'T BE LAST TIME AID IS SENT TO THE NEEDY SAINTS IN JUDEA.

- ■I Corinthians 16:1 4
- ■II Corinthians 8:1 7



### ACTS 11:30 (ESV)

30 And they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.





## IT IS SIGNIFICANT THAT THEY BROUGHT THE COLLECTION TO THE ELDERS, INSTEAD OF THE APOSTLES.

### ACTS 8:1 (ESV)

I And Saul approved of his execution. And there arose on that day a great persecution against the church in Jerusalem, and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles.



### ACTS 4:34 - 35 (ESV)

34 There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold 35 and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.



### ACTS 20:28 (ESV)

28 Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood.



#### TITUS 1:5 (ESV)

5 This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order, and appoint elders in every town as I directed you



### ACTS 14:23 (ESV)

23 And when they had appointed elders for them in every church, with prayer and fasting they committed them to the Lord in whom they had believed.



### 1 PETER 5:1 (ESV)

I So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed:



### IN OUR NEXT STUDY WE WILL GO ON TO STUDY CHAPTER 12!

