

The Antioch Model

Acts 11:19-30 , 12:25, 13:1-3

#1: Effective Evangelism (11:19-21)

Those who had been scattered as a result of the persecution that started because of Stephen made their way as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, speaking the message to no one except Jews. But there were some of them, Cypriot and Cyrenian men, who came to Antioch and began speaking to the Hellenists, proclaiming the good news about the Lord Jesus. The Lord's hand was with them, and a large number who believed turned to the Lord. (11:19-21)

- Cultural-Engagement Mentality (20)
- Gospel Intelligibility (20)
- Personal Anonymity (20)
- The Lord's Sovereignty (21)

Ingredient #2: Dynamic Discipleship (11:22-26)

Then the report about them was heard by the church that was at Jerusalem, and they sent out Barnabas to travel as far as Antioch. When he arrived and saw the grace of God, he was glad and encouraged all of them to remain true to the Lord with a firm resolve of the heart, for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And large numbers of people were added to the Lord. Then he went to Tarsus to search for Saul, and when he found him he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church and taught large numbers. The disciples were first called Christians at Antioch. (11:22-26)

- Accountability (22)
- Encouragement (22-24)
- Instruction (25-26)
- Fruit (26b)

Ingredient #3: Mercy Ministry (11:27-30, 12:25)

In those days some prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. Then one of them, named Agabus, stood up and predicted by the Spirit that there would be a severe famine throughout the Roman world. This took place during the time of Claudius. So each of the disciples, according to his ability, determined to send relief to the brothers who lived in Judea. They did this, sending it to the elders by means of Barnabas and Saul (11:27-30).

After they had completed their relief mission, Barnabas and Saul returned to Jerusalem, taking along John who is called Mark." (12:25)

Ingredient #4: Multi-Cultural Leadership & Membership (13:1)

In the church that was at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius the Cyrenian, Manaen, a close friend of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. (13:1)

Ingredient #5: Spirit-Directed, Church-Sent/Supported Missionaries (13:2-3)

As they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work I have called them to.” Then after they had fasted, prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent them off. (13:2-3)

- Worship and expectant prayer fueled the mission.
- The Spirit and the congregation together affirmed this mission.
- The church sent their best on mission.