

IV. THE **RESULTS** (ACTS 11:21-30)

The revolutionary vision and mission of the early followers of Jesus changed the face of HISTORY and fate of the disciples.

- Great Number (v21).
- Believed (v21).
- Turned to the Lord (v21).
- The church in Jerusalem moved and sent Barnabas (v22).
- Joy (v23).
- Many people added to the Lord (v24).
- The apostles to Gentiles vision born there (v25).
- One year of glorious ministry (v26).
- The name Christians appeared for the first time (v26).
- The emerging of a giving church and sending church (v30).

Application: Three stories about persecution from our mission trips and work here. God's hand is at work in our mission work in the Middle East, Europe and among us here.

Let's Be On Mission Together!

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ON MISSION TOGETHER

Together In Suffering
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INTRODUCTION

A. What is our Global Missions Focus?

Mission: Making sure that everyone in the world hears the Gospel of Jesus Christ correctly and planting New Testament churches among those who believe.

"40 And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation."

41 Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.

42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers."

Acts 2:40-42

B. The theme of our 2018 Global Missions Focus is "ON MISSION TOGETHER".

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C. ON MISSION TOGETHER, will challenge and teach you how to be on mission together. This six part series features the following messages:

July 8	Doing The Mission!
July 15	Together In Prayer
July 22	Together In Sending
TODAY	Together In Suffering
Aug 5	Together In Giving
Aug 12	Priest And People Together On Mission

D. TEXT: Acts 11:19-26 (Pew Bible/Pg.1154/New Testament)

Reaching out to Gentiles was a great problem in the early church!
Reaching out to the modern day Gentiles is also a great problem.

TOGETHER IN SUFFERING

“And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number believed and turned to the Lord.”
Acts 11:21

I. **THEOLOGY** OF PERSECUTION AND MISSIONS

“At that time a great persecution arose against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles.”
Acts 8:1

“And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven.”
Acts 2:5

*“Remember the word that I said to you, ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also.
21 But all these things they will do to you for My name’s sake, because they do not know Him who sent Me.”*
John 15:20-21

“They will put you out of the synagogues; yes, the time is coming that whoever kills you will think that he offers God service.”
John 16:2

II. GOD IS AT WORK **ALL** THE TIME

“But Jesus answered them, “My Father has been working until now, and I have been working.”
John 5:17

“For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast.”
Psalm 33:9

“Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!”
Romans 11:33

“But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.”
Hebrews 11:6

III. **WHO** ARE THEY?

Comparison study between:

*“1 Now the apostles and brethren who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also received the word of God.
2 And when Peter came up to Jerusalem, those of the circumcision contended with him,
3 saying, “You went in to uncircumcised men and ate with them!”*
Acts 11:1-3

“19 Now those who were scattered after the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to no one but the Jews only.

20 But some of them were men from Cyprus and Cyrene, who, when they had come to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists, preaching the Lord Jesus.”
Acts 11:19-20

They are ordinary PEOPLE exactly like you!