

**Title:** “Unknown Church-The Antioch Effect”

**Text:** Acts 11:19-26, 13:1-3

**Target:** The most radical paradigm shift of sharing Jesus to all nations happened when persecution drove the early church to disperse. This dispersion, did not destroy the movement of Jesus, but instead deployed it to the ends of the earth. The vehicle...the Church at Antioch.

**Teaching Outline:**

1. **Salvation Sharing Church:** “But there were some of **them**, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Hellenists also, **preaching the Lord Jesus**. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number who **believed turned** to the Lord.” (Acts 11:20-21)
2. **Spirit Filled Church:** “for he was a good man, **full of the Holy Spirit** and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord...Agabus stood up and **foretold by the Spirit** there would be a great famine over all the world...While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, **the Holy Spirit said...**” (Acts 11:24,28, 13:2)
3. **Scripture Saturated Church:** For a whole year they met with the church and **taught** a great many people. And in Antioch the disciples were **first called Christians**.” (Acts 11:26)
4. **Sacrificial Serving Church:** So the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to **send relief to the brothers** living in Judea.” (Acts 11:29)
5. **Strategic Sending Church:** And they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul....**Set apart** for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.”<sup>3</sup> Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on **them and sent them off**.” (Acts 11:30, 13:2-3)

**Take Away:** We don't attend the Church, we are the Church.