




- 1 **The Church in Antioch is a model of spirit-wrought unity in a diverse group of people.** Read the story of the church's beginnings in Acts 11:19-26 and reflect on how the church was formed, the composition of its members and its team of prophets and teachers (Acts 13:1).

 What can we learn about as we examine this church's background?

 What applications can be drawn for the gospel work God has called you to?


 How was Barnabus uniquely gifted to serve this church as its first leader? (See also Acts 4:36, 9:27)

 Read Romans 15:5-7. How can you serve in a Barnabus-like role in the gospel work of unity in your home group? Church family at-large?

- 2 **John Piper says that “The book of Acts is a constant indictment of mere maintenance Christianity.** It’s a constant goad and encouragement and stimulation to fan the flame of Advent—“The Son of Man has come to seek and to save the lost.”

 How have you been goaded or encouraged in the gospel work of unity, sending, and going because of Acts 13-14?

 What aspects of sending or going are you most fearful or uneasy about in the days ahead for our church? Pray as a group that God would remind you that the gospel message is always worth it.

 It has been said that there are 3 categories in Christian missions: the senders, the goers, and the disobedient. What practical steps can you take this next month to be a better sender or goer?

