

UNSHAKEABLE

Acts11:19 - 26 (ESV) May 19, 2024 Jon Field, Lead Pastor

MESSAGE NOTES

Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except Jews. 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 11:19-21 (ESV)

· An unshakeable foundation is found by keeping Christ at the center of it all

You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about Me, ... – John 5:39 (ESV)

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. — John 10:10 (ESV)

... he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, explaining and proving that the Christ had to suffer and rise from the dead, ... – Acts 17:2-3 (ESV)

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The report of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. — Acts 11:22 (ESV)

When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad, <u>and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose</u>, ... – Acts 11:23 (ESV)

· An unshakeable foundation is found by keeping Christ at the center of our relationships

... for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord. So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. ...

— Acts 11:24 — 26 (ESV)

... 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 (ESV)



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Discussion Starter: Describe the worst earthquake you have ever experienced.
- Read Acts 11:19 26. What was your main learning point from this week's passage?
- What type of things sometimes cause us to drift from having Christ at the center of our life?
- What are the ways to keep Christ at the center of our relationships and life?
- Read Acts 11:19 and John 5:39. What is the core message of the Bible? Why, if we get the message of Christ wrong, is everything else wrong, no matter how much is right?
- Who is someone God has put on your radar to share the unshakeable love of God with? How is God using you to do that?
- Read Acts 11:19 21. Why was the early church so bold and clear about sharing the message of Christ? Where is God leading you to increase the boldness of your faith?
- Read Acts 11:23. Barnabas encouraged the church in Antioch to "press on," "remain faithful," and "continue" in their faith. What step of faith would keep Christ more at the center of your life?
- Read Acts 11:24 26. Barnabas traveled over one hundred miles to enlist Saul's help in strengthening the church in Antioch. How far might God be leading you to go to keep Him at the center of your life and relationships?

