

The surprising twist of this passage provides a startling conclusion to this section of the Acts of the Holy Spirit. It points out that after the church made the first step of including the Gentiles as recipients of the grace of God the Good News went to one of the most hostile groups in Israel, the Hellenists.

When Saul returned to Jerusalem as a converted follower of the Way the Hellenists were the ones that disputed with Saul even though he was one of them. They sought to kill him and were the reason he had to escape Jerusalem and flee to Tarsus.

Barnabas

“Son of _____”

The Search

“to look for” — _____

The Challenge

A _____ environment

The Name Christian

Suffix “ian” = _____

Their Love

Spiritual food relieves _____

A Coming Famine

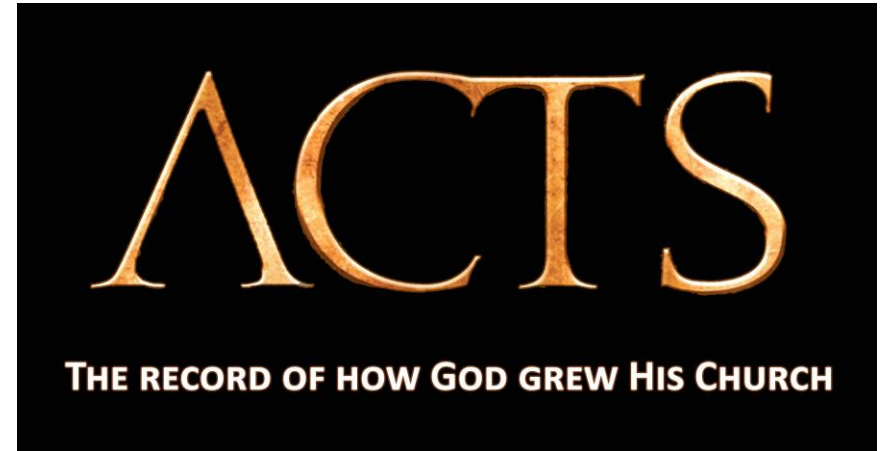
“Behold, the days are coming,” declares the Lord GOD, “when I will send a famine on the land—not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD. They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, to seek the word of the LORD, but they shall not find it.”

Amos 8:11-12

Personal Application and Group Interaction

1. Who do you know that fits the description of the name Barnabas, "Son of Encouragement?"
2. Barnabas encouraged the believers in Antioch to remain faithful to the Word of God. How do you do this in your daily life? How may your Growth Group members hold you accountable in this matter?
3. Create your oikos (extended household) list; 5-10 people that are pre-Christians, prodigals, or potentials. People that you have developed are developing or should develop a friendship with.

4. What is your biggest challenge to your sharing the Good News with your oikos? How may your Growth Group members hold you accountable in this matter?



Barnabas & Saul of Tarsus

Acts 11:22-30

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