

***Sermon Title:*** "MARKS OF A BIBLICAL CHURCH, Part 2"

***Date:*** January 22, 2023 - Acts 11:19-26

**Central Idea:** God uses willing people to proclaim the gospel and encourage the spreading of His work. Are you proclaiming the gospel and encouraging God's work?

**Introduction:** Antioch was evangelized not by apostles but by average members of Christ's Body who were willing to share their faith. Wherever these fugitives landed, they kindled a blaze. Sharing Christ was to them as natural as tears to sorrow or a smile to happiness. Every day believers, empowered by the Holy Spirit of God, blew away the hold of paganism on needy souls. What an example!

## **I. Christian Criticism vv. 1-18**

## **II. Aggressive Evangelism vv. 19-21**

### **1. Preparation v. 19**

### **2. Progress v. 20**

### **3. Power v. 21**

## **III. Competent Leadership vv. 22-24**

### **1. Sending v. 22**

### **2. Strength v. 23**

### **3. Success v. 24**

**Conclusion:** Barnabas helped these believers focus on that which would cleanse them. His advice is appropriate for all Christians, whether in the beginning stages or well along the path. Barnabas saw grace, rejoiced, then tenderly encouraged God's people. His faith produced spiritual desire, expectation, and dependence on God. Can you think of anyone like that? Why not become such a person?