

How easy is it for us to 'count others as more significant than ourselves'? What creates the struggle? How can we grow in humility towards each other?

How can the example of Christ give us insight into humility?

3) When has God helped you to navigate through a time of transition or change?

How could the example of the church at Antioch in Acts 11 and 13 have helped you?

What insights have you gained for future transition times in your life?

4) As Grace Church goes through this time of Transition, how will you put the insights from Acts 11 and 13 into practice?



Walking with God Through Seasons of Change

Acts 11:19-30 & Acts 13:1-3

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It is a Biblical truth that our lives are made up of a series of Seasons that come and go over time. Some of the seasons are driven by life and family stages while others are related to our careers and our walk with God. However, these times of Transitions are prime opportunities for God to be present and work in our lives. This is true for church families as well. Churches also have seasons of ministry. The church in Antioch serves as a great example of how to walk with God through seasons of change.

**I. THEY EXPERIENCED THE PRESENCE AND WORK OF GOD IN THEIR LIVES
ACTS 11:19-30**

- A. The Gospel Reaches Antioch and the Gentiles vs.19-21

- B. Barnabas Arrives and Encourages these New Believers vs.22-24; 27-30

- C. All That Took Place Was the Result of the Presence and Work of God

- D. Barnabas Gets Saul (Paul) and they Establish a Pastoral Ministry at Antioch vs.25-26



II. THEY WERE FOCUSED ON PRAISING, LOVING AND SERVING GOD

ACTS 13:1-2

A. The God Given Leaders were Teaching and Equipping the Believers

13:1

B. The Church Family we Growing Together as Fully Devoted Followers

of Christ vs.2

III. THEY HEARD THE VOICE OF GOD AND RESPONDED WITH OBEDIENCE

ACTS 13:3

A. As They Focused on Praising, Loving and Serving God, He Speaks to Them

B. Their Response is Immediate Obedience

WRAP IT UP:

God has His plan and time table for Grace Church.

In this season of Transition we are in, He is calling us to:

1. Experience His presence and work in our lives
2. Focus on Praising, Loving and Serving Him
3. When we hear His voice, respond with obedience



TIP Sheet (Take It Personal)

Use these questions to aid you in making personal application of your study in the Word.

1) **God has placed us together as Believers so we can be used to help one another grow to be more like Christ.**

Look up Ephesians 4:11-16 and answer the questions below.

According to verses 11 and 12, what is the role of church leaders in our lives?

What do you think Paul means by the 'full measure of Christ'? (vs13)
What character qualities would be evident in our lives?

What are some of the 'winds of doctrine' and 'deceitful schemes' that could make our faith unsteady? (vs.14)

What part have you had in helping other Believers grow in their walk with God? (vs.16)

2) **Paul tells us to show loving humility to each other in Philippians 2:1-11. Look those verses up and answer the following questions.**

We are to be of 'one mind'. What are some of the beliefs we should hold in common?

What are some shared values we should have?

What priorities should we agree on together?

