

Ordinary People Unleashed Notes

Acts 11:19-30

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Main Point: God loves to unleash the extraordinary through ordinary people.

The Reason

1. The _____ of the Lord was with them (vs. 21).
2. God's hand refers to His _____ to bring judgment or blessing (Isaiah 59:1).

The Results

1. A great _____ who believed turned to the Lord (vs. 21, 24, 26).

The Requirements

1. Go with the _____ (vs. 19)
 - As they scattered, they _____ Jesus only with those from a Jewish background.
 - Others began sharing the gospel with the Hellenists, which refers to those who spoke Greek.
 - These unknown men "spoke," which is the word for simple, _____ conversations (vs. 20).
 - They were simply living on mission, sharing _____ about Jesus in the course of everyday conversations.
 - A great number who believed _____ to the Lord (vs. 21).
 - We must make sure we're proclaiming _____ which leads to eternal life.
 - We must both trust in Christ and _____ to Him (1 Thessalonians 1:9)
 - Turning to something, automatically means you are turning from something else.
 - We are to turn from sin and turn to _____ the Saviour (Acts 14:15).
2. Grow in God's grace.
 - Many were saved so they sent _____ to check it out.
 - He was a _____ speaking converted Jew from the Island of Cyprus.
 - He knew the culture well and they knew him.
 - He was a _____ giver (Acts 4:37).
 - He had _____ for the underdog (Acts 9:26-28).
 - Two actions we can apply to our lives.
 - Be _____ about grace.
 - a. Grace means "acceptance and _____ favor."
 - b. You see grace in _____ lives (Matthew 7:20).
 - Help others _____ in grace.
 - a. "Exhort" means "to _____, beseech, to come to the side of."
 - b. "Remain faithful" is the idea of "adhering or _____ to a set plan."

- c. He wanted them to have “steadfast purpose” so they wouldn’t _____ to the culture or shipwreck their faith when struggles come.
- Barnabas saw _____ not problems.
 - To encourage means “to put _____ into someone.”
 - Character of Barnabas (vs. 24).
 - He was full of goodness, full of the Holy Spirit, and full of _____.
 - “Good” means he was “large-hearted and _____.”
 - He was humble - He realized he couldn’t disciple these new disciples on his own (vs. 25).
 - He sought help from _____.
3. Gathering with God’s _____ (vs. 26).
- “Met” means “to gather together, to _____, to assemble.”
 - The Greek word for “with” is “en” which means “_____.”
 - Barnabas and Saul met with them for a year.
 - They became known as _____ in Antioch
 - Literally means “little _____.”
 - They believed in and _____ like Christ.
 - The suffix “ian” means, “belonging to, coming from, being like something or someone.”
 - It was a term of derision to mock followers of Christ.
4. Give what God has _____ (vs. 27-28).
- When these Christians heard about the famine, they unleashed their _____ (vs. 29).
 - The word “determined” means they “resolved by marking out definitely.”
 - Everyone participated, but not everyone gave the same amount. Each gave according to “his _____” (Deuteronomy 16:16-17, 2 Corinthians 8:3-4).
 - These Greek speaking Christians from Antioch spontaneously sent this money and men to the Christians who had a Jewish background in Jerusalem.
 - When part of the body is hurting, we should do all we can to help.