

Sermon: The Birth of the Church Planting Movement
Series: *Koinonia*

Scripture: Acts 11:19-20; 13:1-3
Date: January 24, 2020

OBSERVATION -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

INTERPRETATION -- Answer these questions together:

1) What does this passage teach us about God?

a) How do we see God at work in this passage? How does it connect back to the Great Commission (Mt. 28:19-20)?

b) Does it surprise you that church planting was born out of persecution? What lessons can we learn from this for our church today?

2) What does this passage teach us about us (mankind)?

a) Think about the church at Antioch. In what ways did God use ordinary people and ordinary means in order to do extraordinary things? How can that apply to you personally, and to us as a church?

b) Read Galatians 2:1 and 9. Why is understanding our fellowship (the “right hand of fellowship”) with God and one another the foundation for disciple-making and church planting?

3) What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?

a) Is Jesus worth it? What might you need to give up in order to make disciples or see GBC plant churches? Why must we start with remembering that first we were worth it to Jesus?

APPLICATION

a) As Grace Baptist Church continues to talk through what church planning or revitalization might look like, what role could you see yourself taking in this process?

FIGHTER VERSES: 1 John 1:3-7.

PRAYER

Praise God for his work in and through the local church for 2000 years.

Confess ways that you have lost sight of the great commission and discipleship.

Ask God to use us and this church to spread the gospel of Jesus to “Jerusalem, Judea-Samaria, and the world.”