

**Contending for the Faith**  
**Text: Acts 11:19-30**  
**February 10, 2024**

**Big Idea:**

**Context is key!**

**Question #1 (Context)**

*Ask Yourself: What is going on in the text?*

- a) What is the setting and what is happening?
- b) Who are the main characters?
- c) Are there any words/phrases that are repeated?

**Question #2 (Context)**

*Ask Yourself: What does the text say about God and about me?*

- a) Is God saying or showing something about Himself? If so, what?
- b) Do the words in the text predict, prophesy or picture something about Jesus? If so, what?
- c) Is God saying or showing something about us? If so, what?
- d) How does the text point to my need for Jesus? How?

To be partnered on mission, we must...

**Point 1: \_\_\_\_\_ one \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 19-21)**

*Question: Faithful partnership depends on pure gospel conviction. Are you living with it?*

*Sermon Notes...*

**Question #3**

- a) **Rd vv. 19-21:** What was the city of Antioch like? How is this different from the Jerusalem church?
- b) How could the make up of the churches and cities have limited partnership between the churches?

**Question #4**

What is the pure/true gospel? Write it out and share it.

### Question #5

- a) This world is filled with so-called “gospel’s”! What are some of these?
- b) Which of these are you most tempted to believe at times? Why that one?
- c) What fruit is evident in your life when you are pursuing that false gospel?
- d) What do you think you will get from that, that you don’t already have in Jesus? Use Scripture to support.
- e) Spend time confessing these areas and praying for faith the gospel promises to confront them.

### Point 2: \_\_\_\_\_ one \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 22-30)

*Question: Faithful partnership depends on Great Commission conviction. Are you living with it?*  
*Sermon Notes...*

*Commission Conviction...*

- i)
- ii)
- iii)

### Question #8

- a) **Rd vv. 22-30:** What are the 3 marks of the life being lived with a commission conviction?
- b) Which of these do you find it the most difficult to live out? Why that one?
- c) How has Jesus equipped us to live on mission like this?
- d) What next step(s) can you take this week (individ. and as a group) to live on mission in these ways in the church?
- e) Spend time praying for one another in these areas.

### Prayer Application

Spend time as a group/in accountability in prayer..

- a) REVERENCE before God: Jesus, You are the Head of the Church who\_\_\_\_\_.
- b) HUMILITY before God: Jesus, I confess i) A lack of living with a gospel conviction when\_\_\_\_. ii) A lack of missional conviction in (See the 3 marks in point 2)\_\_\_\_\_.
- c) THANKSGIVING: Jesus, thank You for empowering Your Church to be stronger together by\_\_\_\_\_.
- d) SUPPLICATION to God: Jesus, I ask for i) Faith to live with a gospel conviction in\_\_\_\_. ii) A greater missional mindset through\_\_\_\_\_.

*Memory Verse:*

*“When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose,”-Acts 19:23*

