

## **The Hand of the Lord was with Them**

**Acts 11:19-30**

**April 11, 2021**

How do we know that the hand of the Lord is upon the church in favor?

What are the evidences of God's blessing?

We have in our text the brief story of the Church in Antioch.

What was Antioch like?

**What is the evidence that the Hand of the Lord was with them?**

### **1) The Rank and File were Front and Center in Ministry**

The evangelists are unnamed.

Three times in this passage a large number of converts are mentioned. (Acts 11:21; 11:24; 11:26)

### **2) They Targeted an Every Member Ministry**

The members were the ministers; they served, they evangelized.

The pastors were equippers, teachers, and encouragers.

now more?

### **3) The Wider Church noticed and approves of their ministry**

Barnabas. Who was he?

What does Barnabas do in Antioch?

He witnessed the grace of God, rejoiced, and encouraged it.

Barnabas, a good man, full of the Holy Spirit, full of faith.

### **4) Godly leadership.**

Christians need more than pure encouragement. They need teaching.

### **5) Godly discipleship; warm-hearted, practical Biblical teaching.**

### **6) The world around them knew that there was something different about them.**

They were first called Christians in Antioch.

### **7) Generous giving**

Notice, they were not fighting with their brothers, they were sacrificing for them.

Do you see the grace of God in this fellowship?

Do you rejoice in it, and seek to fan it into flames?