

Acts 11:19-30 (ESV)

¹⁹ Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except Jews. ²⁰ But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Hellenists also, preaching the Lord Jesus. ²¹ And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number who believed turned to the Lord. ²² The report of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. ²³ 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, ²⁴ for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord. ²⁵ So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, ²⁶ and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church and taught a great many people. And in Antioch the disciples were first called Christians.

²⁷ Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. ²⁸ And one of them named Agabus stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world (this took place in the days of Claudius). ²⁹ So the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brothers living in Judea. ³⁰ And they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

THE NAME

“Christians” (Χριστιανους)

THE QUESTION

What does it mean to “ _____ ”?

A1: How you _____ ... towards those _____ you.
(Acts 11:19-21; cf., Acts 10:34-35)

A2: How you _____ ... to Christ’s _____ in you.
(Acts 11:20; Acts 26:28)

- Acts 26:4-11 – shared what his life was _____ Christ
- Acts 26:12-18 – shared how he _____ / _____ in Christ
- Acts 26:20-22 – shared how his life is _____ as a follower of Christ

A3: How you _____ suffering... with _____,
_____, and _____.
(Acts 11:28-30; 1 Peter 4:16; 1 Peter 2:20-21; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14)

THE BIG IDEA

When you _____ Christ,
you will _____ like Christ.

1 Corinthians 2:2 (NLT)

For I decided that while I was with you I would forget everything except Jesus Christ, the one who was crucified.