



**WE ARE ALL
WITNESSES**

PART 3

Becoming a Great Church

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1. When you're looking for a church to attend, what kinds of things are important to you? If you were planting a church, what kinds of things would be absolutely non-negotiable regarding what your church would be like?

2. The ministry of the church in Antioch described in Acts 11:19-30 would never have happened had a great persecution not pushed the early Christians out of Jerusalem and into the rest of the Roman Empire. What similar experiences have you had in your life where God took something that at the moment seemed awful, but used it to accomplish something that would not have happened had the awful thing not happened?

3. What made Barnabas so great? What character traits did he have that made him a "good man" (see Acts 4:34-37, 9:26-28, and 11:22-26 for help with an answer)? What about him do you find enviable?

4. When someone you know comes to faith in Jesus, how do you respond? How would you give them assurance of their salvation? Why would you encourage them to continue in the faith if they are already saved? Why did Barnabas exhort the church in Antioch to continue in the faith with fully devoted hearts?

5. Why did Barnabas get Paul in Acts 11:25-26? How important is teaching to the development and growth of a Christian? What are the marks of good Christian teaching you have experienced and what are the marks of bad Christian teaching?

6. Why do you think the church in Antioch full of Gentiles gave so willingly to the church in Jerusalem full of Jews? How can we be more willing to share with other churches in need? Should we? When shouldn't we?
