

Building a Christ Community

Christ Community Church
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Quick Background Check

ANTIOCH OF SYRIA

- ✓ Third largest city of the _____
- ✓ Estimated population of _____
- ✓ "Metro", but not all _____
 - 18 different ethnic quarters
 - ½ of population were slaves (+/-)
- ✓ Current Turkish city of Antakya sits on top of ancient Antioch

ANTIOCH CHURCH

- ✓ _____ – "So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul met with the church and taught great numbers of people..." **Acts 11:26a**
- ✓ " _____ " – "The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch"
Acts 11:26b
 - Perhaps a term of derision
 - "called" = to transact business
- ✓ _____ Diverse – "In the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen (who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch) and Saul." **Acts 13:1**
 - Barnabas: from Cyprus, Mediterranean island
 - Simeon: most likely of African descent
 - Lucius: A Roman from North Africa
 - Manaen: A foster brother of Herod, Roman/Palestinian
 - Saul: Cilicia, modern day southern Turkey.
- ✓ _____ Diverse – "Now those who had been scattered by the persecution in connection with Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus and Antioch, telling the message only to Jews. Some of them, however, men from Cyprus and Cyrene, went to Antioch and began to speak to Greeks also, telling them the good news about the Lord Jesus. The Lord's hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord." **Acts 11:19-21**
 - Jewish salvations
 - Greek salvations
- ✓ Paul's first _____ (Acts 11:22-26)

Clash of the Titans

*"When Peter came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he was clearly in the wrong. Before certain men came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But when they arrived, he began to draw back and separate himself from the Gentiles because he was afraid of those who belonged to the circumcision group. The other Jews joined him in his hypocrisy, so that by their hypocrisy even Barnabas was led astray. When I saw that they were not acting in line with the truth of the gospel, I said to Peter in front of them all, "You are a Jew, yet you live like a Gentile and not like a Jew. How is it, then, that you force Gentiles to follow Jewish customs?" **Gal. 2:11-14***

Our Top 3 Take-Aways In Building A Christ Community

1. The Importance of _____

"So then, my brothers and sisters, when you come together to eat, wait for each other."
1st Cor. 11:33

2. Unity is _____

"In the following directives I have no praise for you, for your meetings do more harm than good. In the first place, I hear that when you come together as a church, there are divisions among you, and to some extent I believe it." **1st Cor. 11:17,18**

"So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." **Gal. 3:26-28**

3. Even the best of us have _____

"Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." **Gal. 6:1,2**

Fill in the Blank answers:

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| 1. Roman empire | 5. "Christians" | 9. table fellowship |
| 2. 500,000 | 6. ethnically | 10. paramount |
| 3. good | 7. religiously | 11. blind spot |
| 4. large | 8. ministry assignment | |