

NO MAN IS AN ISLAND

ACTS 11:19-30

OUTLINE

Intro – a relational passage

1. Why is the church scattered?

- a. 1 Peter 4:13 – rejoice in sharing sufferings & then glory
- b. Romans 8:28 – God working in all things
- c. Significance: Canterbury → London

2. Why did the apostles choose Barnabas?

- a. Background (name, Jew-Gentile bridge, loves to submit to authority)
- b. Full of the Holy Spirit and of faith (12 spies) → the Lord's doing or Barnabas's?
- c. As proved in Antioch → catalyst

3. Why did Barnabas choose Saul?

- a. Friendship
- b. Calling up/mentoring (no initial fruit for Saul) (goes beyond)
- c. Complementarity (bridge-builder/-burner – took work!)

4. How can we learn from Barnabas?

- a. Be generous! Be full!
- b. Invest in people – expecting them to go beyond (*NB Mark*)
- c. Build friendships with those you serve with (friends not colleagues) “Yoking together”
- d. Complementarity – cherish different people!
- e. Again – be full!