

#church: find a place where you belong

The Roots of Our Belonging

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How does someone become a _____?

¹⁹ Now those who had been scattered by the persecution that broke out when Stephen was killed traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus and Antioch, spreading the word only among Jews. **Acts 11:19, NIV**

¹⁴ How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? ¹⁵ And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" **Romans 10:14-15, NIV**

God uses the _____ things to get his church moving.

¹⁶ But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our message?" ¹⁷ Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ. **Romans 10:16-17, NIV**

²⁰ 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. ²¹ The Lord's hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord. **Acts 11:20-21, NIV**

The _____ leads people to turn to the Lord.

²² News of this reached the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. ²³ When he arrived and saw what the grace of God had done, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts. ²⁴ He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord. **Acts 11:22-24, NIV**

The _____ is God's plan for...

- ✓ ... _____ those who don't follow Christ, and
- ✓ ... _____ those who follow him already

¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." **Matthew 28:19-20, NIV**

²⁵ Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, ²⁶ and when he found him, he brought him to Antioch. So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul met with the church and taught great numbers of people. The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch. **Acts 11:25-26, NIV**

By delivering _____ and _____ the local church gets to reach and teach others with the good news.

¹⁷ He [Jesus] came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸ For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit. ¹⁹ Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. **Ephesians 2:17-20, NIV**

Jesus wants his church to _____ and _____ because he wants everyone to be _____!

MEMORY VERSE

Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ. **Romans 10:17, NIV**

Bottom line: I will seek out environments at CrossWalk where I can continue my journey of faith and belonging.

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