



1. The Church Is in the Process of Expansion.

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. 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. (Acts 11:19-21)

2. Church Growth Is a Product of God's Grace.

And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number who believed turned to the Lord. The report of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad... (Acts 11: 21-23a)

3. Be a Church That Lives Up to the Name.

...and in Antioch the disciples were first called Christians. (Acts 11:26b)

*The nations shall see your righteousness,
and all the kings your glory,
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give. (Isaiah 62:2)*