



From the Church in Jerusalem we learned that church should be SIMPLE

Key Component: S T R A T E G I C

Key Church: The Church at Antioch

Acts 11:19-30

The Church at Antioch was the first church that appears to have understood and obeyed the Great Commission that Jesus gave His followers. (Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8)

- They understood that the Gospel was for everyone, without prejudice, breaking down natural barriers.
- They depended on the power of God to do the work of God.
- They understood the importance of teamwork to accomplish what no one person could do alone. (13:1)
- They understood that ministry and money must go hand in hand and they were generous.
- They sought and listened for the direction God would give them through the Holy Spirit. (13:2)
- They understood that they had to let go of their own in order to go where the Gospel needed to be told. (13:3)
- They understood their role in receiving those who had gone out from them in order to strengthen and encourage their lives and ministries. (14:26-28)

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At IBB we want to emulate the church at **Antioch** by being **STRATEGIC**.

We have a **Simple** Strategy:

Connect ⇒ Equip ⇒ Send

- Everyone needs to be connected to God and to others to flourish in life.
 - We must overcome our barriers to connecting with others, because they need Jesus. (*Personality, prejudice, differences...*)
 - We must serve others to break down *their* barriers. (*“No one can keep you from succeeding if your goal is to be a servant.”*)
- Equipping means to bring everyone to health and maturity. (*“Healthy organisms grow and multiply.”*)
 - Equipped with the Word of God
 - Equipped with spiritual and practical wisdom
 - Equipped with ministry skills and experience.
- Sending means going beyond ourselves for the benefit of others
 - Sending requires God’s direction
 - Sending requires obedience
 - Sending requires sacrifice
 - Sending requires faithfulness

This Strategy Impacts our Values

- #4** - Every member is a minister with specific gifts and abilities that enrich the whole Body.
- #5** – We strive to equip everyone for ministry and many for leadership.
- #7** – Everyone should be involved in touching lives around the world through missions.
- #9** – Our campus is a tool to serve the community.

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HERE and AROUND THE WORLD!**



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