



Main point: Take Jesus to the nations, tell the good news, and stay true to Jesus.
Key question: How can we be Jesus-centred in a world that doesn't know Jesus?
Key verse: Acts 11:19-26

Introduction

- The majority of people in Australia do not know Jesus.
- The early Christians faced a similar challenge – in communities that largely did not know Jesus.
- The leader of The Salvation Army Commissioner Miriam Gluyas, is calling on us all to be Jesus-centred people with her rallying cry: 'Jesus-centred, Spirit-led, hope revealed'.
- The early Christians were just that: Jesus-centred. We can learn three things from them:

A. Take Jesus to the nations

- The original Christian community in Jerusalem were all Jewish. When the Christians arrived in Antioch, at first, they only shared the Gospel with other Jews.
- Then the Jewish Christians were joined by believers born in other countries. This helped them expand their mindset. They started to speak to all different ethnicities.
- They were so Jesus-centred that they took him into the strange and unfamiliar places.
- Australia is filled with people from all over the world. We live in a modern mission field. Be so Jesus-centred that you take him to the nations around you.

B. Tell the good news

- Be so Jesus-centred that you tell his story!
- What story do we share? The birth, life and death of Jesus. (You might like to provide an example or tool here.)
- The Christians in Antioch shared so much about Jesus Christ that they were nicknamed 'Christianoī' which means Christ-follower. Let's be people who share the good news about Jesus so much that we are called 'Jesus-people'.





C. Stay true to Jesus

- The believers in Antioch stayed true to Jesus (Acts 11:21).
- They turned from their old lives and lived centred around Jesus. Welcome and bring people to a Jesus-centred faith like the church in Antioch did.
- After several years, the church in Jerusalem heard about what had happened in Antioch and sent a man named Barnabas to help the believers (Acts 11:22-24).
- We need to stay true to the Lord with all our hearts. We need Jesus-centred outreach and a Jesus-centred faith.

Conclusion

- What about us? What can we do to be more Jesus-centred?
- How can we live so that people around us will say, "She is a Jesus follower," "He follows Jesus"?

