

▼ **Surf Your Way To A Big Catch! - Part 3**

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- **Read the Passage: Acts 11:19-26**

▼ **Purpose of the Sermon (what listeners should do)**

- Understand the surfing metaphor.
- Analyze the different phases of the Antioch wave.
- Discuss (SWOT analysis of your own surfing environment in light of the Antioch wave).

▼ **Understand that surfing metaphor.**

- Rick Warren: Surf the wave (We don't make the waves - God does.)
- ▼ Find a beach to "hang out" at while you're listening for God's voice and waiting for his next wave.
 - I've already told you: "Honey Pot", the new network Eva and I got connected to.
 - What is your beach? Where can you try something new? Stay **low** on the **ladder of abstraction**.
- Practice surfing and risk making mistakes. - Luke 19:11-27

▼ **Analyze the different phases of the Antioch wave.**

- **Note - We're spreading God's Kingdom - NOT religion or "churchianity" - Acts 2:42-47**

▼ Phases:

- 1 Jewish refugees evangelize Jews in Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch.
- 2 Jews from Cyprus and Cyrene evangelize gentiles in Antioch.
- 3 The gospel bears fruit and the church grows.
- 4 The apostles send Barnabas to care for the new church.
- 5 Barnabas recruits Saul to help with caring for the new church.
- 6 The disciples are called Christians by their non-Christian neighbors.

▼ Key Thoughts:

- Evangelizing: What's the message?
- Evangelizing people like yourself.
- Evangelizing people not like yourself.
- Preserving your fruit.

- ▼ Evangelizing: What's the message?
 - “The Kingdom of God is near!” - Mark 1:14-15
- ▼ The Back Story:
 - Act 1 - Creation
 - Act 2 - The Fall
 - Act 3 - Israel
 - ▼ Act 4 - Jesus
 - Israel's history reaches its climax.
 - The God of Israel returns to his people.
 - The people of God are redefined as those who follow Jesus.
 - The Kingdom of God confronts the kingdoms of this world.
 - ▼ Act 5 - The Church
 - The church is “in Messiah”.
 - The church inherits Israel's mission to be the channel through which all nations are blessed.
 - The church serves the world building on Jesus' ministry to Israel.
- Evangelizing people like yourself. - Acts 2:1-41 (especially 36-41)
- Evangelizing people not like yourself. - Acts 17:16-34
- ▼ Preserving your fruit.
 - What do they need?
 - What will you do?
- **Do SWOT analysis of your environment: Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats**
- ▼ **Last Week's Discussion / Reflection Questions:**
 - What are my strengths, and weaknesses with regard to “surfing”?
 - What are my opportunities with people like me / people with whom I feel comfortable?
 - What are my opportunities with people not like me / people with whom I don't feel comfortable?
 - What are my threats?
 - What do new believers need? Be as specific as you can.
- ▼ **This Week**
 - What will you do?
 - Let's talk about what came out of our SWOT analysis.