

Five points from last week:

- (1) Jesus is the Center (of everything)
- (2) His church is the center of His work
- (3) To stay on center we must interpret experience by scripture,
- (4) We are united in a clearly defined mission
- (5) We remember brethren in need

Renewing the Center in an Anti- Christian World
Acts 11:25-12:25

When Jesus is the center of my personal life and the center of our church's focus- we will come together and strengthen one another and bear fruit (11:25-26)

When Jesus is the center of my personal life and the center of our church's focus- we will see past our selfish interests (11:27-30)

The world hates our Master (and His followers)

John 15: 18 If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. 19 If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

When Jesus is the center of my personal life and the center of our church's focus- we are prepared to give our lives for Him who gave Himself for us (12:1-4)

When Jesus is the center of my personal life and the center of our church's focus- we can trust in the Lord to take care of us (He will surprise you) (12:5-19)

When Jesus is the center of my personal life and the center of our church's focus- we will see how God will deal with this world (now and later) (12:20-23)

When Jesus is the center of my personal life and the center of our church's focus- we will find opportunities for ministry appear in this anti-Christian world (12:24-25)

Is He my center?

Is He our center?