

Acts 15:30

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

So when they were dismissed, they came to Antioch: and when they had gathered the multitude together, they delivered the epistle:

Analysis

The delegation 'came to Antioch' and 'gathered the multitude together' to deliver the letter. This public reading ensured transparency and prevented selective interpretation. The 'multitude' hearing together fostered unity and corporate understanding of the council's decision.

Historical Context

Antioch's church, likely numbering in the hundreds, gathered to hear this pivotal decision. This public assembly became a model for how churches receive and respond to doctrinal statements.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. Why is corporate Scripture reading and teaching important?
2. How does gathering together strengthen the church's unity?
3. What role does transparency play in healthy church leadership?

Interlinear Text

Οἱ μὲν οὖν ἀπολυθέντες ἦλθον εἰς Ἀντιόχειαν
G3588 So G3767 when they were dismissed they came to Antioch
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καὶ συναγαγόντες τὸ πλῆθος ἐπέδωκαν τὴν
and together G3588 the multitude they delivered G3588
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ἐπιστολήν
the epistle
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Additional Cross-References

Acts 6:2 (Parallel theme): Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables.

Acts 16:4 (Parallel theme): And as they went through the cities, they delivered them the decrees for to keep, that were ordained of the apostles and elders which were at Jerusalem.