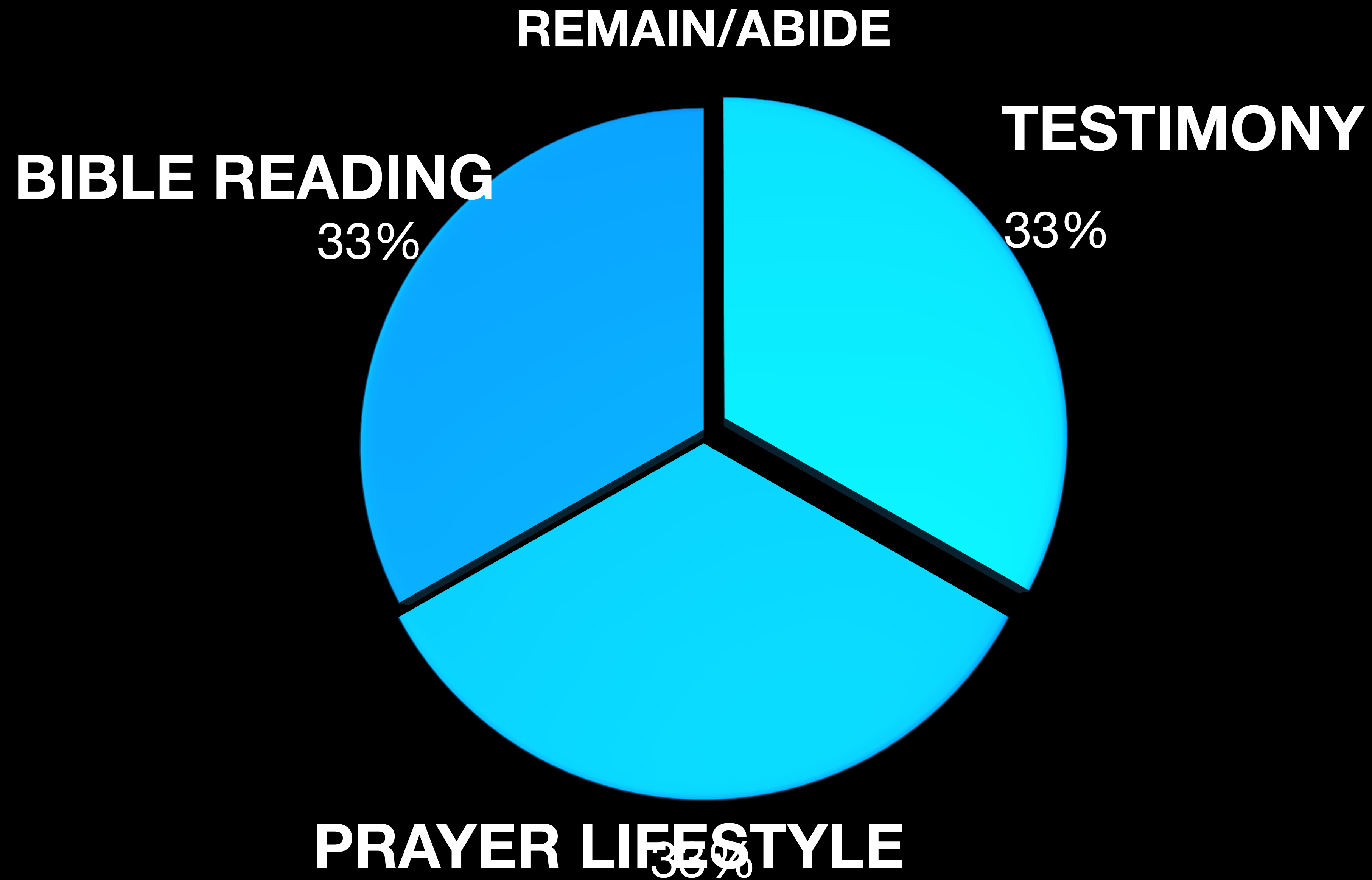




THE CHURCH JESUS DREAMED



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IF YOU BELIEVE GOD AGREES
WITH YOU IN **ABSOLUTELY**
EVERYTHING, THEN YOU **MAY NOT**
BE ABIDING IN CHRIST, BUT
RATHER IN A **IDEALIZED** VERSION
OF **YOURSELF**

THERE IS A
CONNECTION
BETWEEN HOW
HEAVEN IS AND HOW
CHURCH SHOULD BE

After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, **from every nation, tribe, people and language**, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.

10 And they **cried out in a
loud voice:**

**“Salvation belongs to our
God, who sits on the throne,
and to the Lamb.”**

(Revelation 7:9-11)

CHURCH OF JERUSALEN VS THE CHURCH OF ANTIOCH

CHURCH OF JERUSALEN

Challenge regarding the
acceptance of people other than
Jews / **A Mono-Cultural Church**

Then some of the believers....
stood up and said, “**The Gentiles**
must be circumcised and required
to keep the **law of Moses.**” (Acts
15:5)

JERUSALEN COUNCIL OVERVIEW

Mission report	Initial reaction	Resolution
“All things God has done,” “how he opened a door of faith to the Gentiles” (14:27)	Protest—“Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved” (15:1)	Entourage to Jerusalem (15:2)
“in detail, the conversion of the Gentiles” (15:3)	“Great joy to all the brethren” (15:3)	Continuing to Jerusalem (15:3)
“all that God had done with them” (15:4)	Protest—“It is necessary to circumcise them and to direct them to observe the Law of Moses” (15:5)	Apostolic/pastoral assembly (15:6)
“what signs and wonders God had done through them among the Gentiles” (15:12)	“All the people kept silent” (15:12)	Resolution letter (15:19-20)

CHURCH OF ANTIOCH:
A DIVERSE COMMUNITY
OF FAITH

FIRST MISSIONAL CHURCH

1 Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen (who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch) and Saul.

2 While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” 3 So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off. (Acts 13:1-3)

**FIRST CHURCH WITH A
DIVERSE AND MULTI-
CENTRIC LEADERSHIP**

Barnabas: Cyprus (Origin), Hellenistic Jew (Ethnicity)

Simeon: Niger (Origin), Black (Ethnicity)

Lucius: Cyrene (Origin), African (Ethnicity)

Manaen: Palestinian (Origin),
Greek/Herodian (Ethnicity)

Saul: Tarsus/Jerusalem (origin),
Hebraic Jew (Ethnicity)

THE CHURCH OF ANTIOCH
WAS CONNECTED NOT
ONLY TO JESUS'
MESSAGE, BUT ALSO
WITH JESUS' METHOD

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

20 and teaching them to
obey everything I have
commanded you. **And
surely I am with you always,**
to the very end of the age.”

(Matthew 28:18-20)