

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Open your group with a prayer. Use this sheet as a guide; select the points you want to discuss.

### GETTING STARTED

1. Have you ever been fooled by a fake? (e.g. website, apparel, brand name, watch, electronics, etc.)

### DIGGING DEEPER

2. Read Acts 11:19. Why were those scattered only telling the gospel to Jews? What hadn't they yet comprehended (cf. 10:28)?
3. What positive effect did persecution have on the church?
4. Read Acts 11:20. Why do you suppose these unnamed evangelists crossed the racial barrier? (c.f. Acts 1:8)
5. What was the effect of the gospel on pagan Antioch (v.21)?
6. Jerusalem was curious, perhaps skeptical. Why was Barnabas a good choice to investigate? What did he do (v.23-24)?
7. Describe Barnabas' new believer discipleship plan in Acts 11:25-26.
8. Why is it significant this discipleship resulted in the Antiochians being called "Christians?" Is discipleship necessary today?
9. Read Acts 11:27-30. What did the Antioch church's famine response say about them? What did it say about their relationship to the Jerusalem Church?

### LIVING IT OUT

10. What is the significance of the expansion of the church into Antioch?
11. List some specifics about Barnabas' role in Antioch that you should mimic.
12. What does it mean to you to be called a "Christian?"
13. What spurs you to give financially to others in need?

### CHANGING YOUR MIND

"...The disciples were called Christians first in Antioch."

- Acts 11:26b NIV

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