

## Family Discipleship Resource

Mar 1-6

(Acts 11:19-30)



### **G** – Gather for Prayer

*Father,*

*You are the owner of the field that is white for harvest. Teach me how to be a good laborer in your harvest mission.*

*In Jesus' Name, Amen*

### **R** – Read the Text (Acts 11:19-30)

*19 So then those who were scattered because of the persecution that occurred in connection with Stephen made their way to Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except to Jews alone. 20 But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who came to Antioch and began speaking to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus. 21 And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a large number who believed turned to the Lord. 22 The news about them reached the ears of the church at Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas off to Antioch. 23 Then when he arrived and witnessed the grace of God, he rejoiced and began to encourage them all with resolute heart to remain true to the Lord; 24 for he was a good man, and full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And considerable numbers were brought to the Lord. 25 And he left for Tarsus to look for Saul; 26 and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. And for an entire year they met with the church and taught considerable numbers; and the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch. 27 Now at this time some prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. 28 One of them named Agabus stood up and began to indicate by the Spirit that there would certainly be a great famine all over the world. And this took place in the reign of Claudius. 29 And in the proportion that any of the disciples had means, each of them determined to send a contribution for the relief of the brethren living in Judea. 30 And this they did, sending it in charge of Barnabas and Saul to the elders.*

### **O** – Observe what God has said

***What kind of person does God use in the harvest work?***

***What is required for Church growth according to this passage?***

### **W** – Work on Application

Maybe this passage has helped you realize that where you live/work is a mission field. Perhaps this passage is calling you to busy yourself with spreading seed—seizing opportunities to share the good news of Jesus Christ that continues to save today. It could be that God wants us to cry out to Him, asking that his mighty hand be with us and use us as tools in the gathering of the harvest. Maybe today, God is calling you to serve as a laborer that invests meaningfully in discipleship in the context of the church. Or it could be that God is calling you to give generously to the mission work through your time, talents, and yes, your treasure as needs for the ministry are ongoing and grow as our church continues to grow.

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***How will you participate in what God wants to do as his church continues to grow this week?***

Family Weekly Memory Verse: *“And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a large number who believed turned to the Lord.” Acts 11:21*