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LIFEgroup Discussion Questions

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Text: Acts 11.19-30

1. Before you look into Acts 11 look at Jesus' words in John 17.18, as He prays to the Father, *As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.* Think about the Father sending to Jesus into the world. What do we know about that? How does that inform and describe Jesus sending us into the world? Do you see yourself as being sent into the world as Jesus has? What does that mean personally to you?
2. What spread the Christians to the Mediterranean coastland area (11.19)? What do you notice about these that are sharing the gospel in this region? This region would have been considered an unreached area with the gospel. Are you surprised that 3.07 billion people have not heard the gospel today? Are you surprised that 6,672 people groups have not been reached with the gospel?
3. Why do you believe the church sent someone to Antioch and why Barnabas? Why is Barnabas referred to by Luke as a good man (11.24)? What is the root of his goodness? When it says that Barnabas witness the grace of God, what do you believe that means (11.23)? Do we rejoice when we see lives changed by the grace of God?
4. Why do we need others to encourage us to remain faithful to the Lord (11.23)? Think of a time when someone encouraged you to remain faithful to the Lord and how it impacted your life.
5. Why do you think Barnabas might have gone to Tarsus to get Saul? Notice that this is the first time that the disciples of Jesus are called "Christians"? What does that mean (little Christs) and why are believers referred to as that?
6. What do we notice about the progress in the Antioch church as we read of their contribution in Acts 11.27-30? Then we see their progress in Acts 13.1-3 as well – how is that?
7. Is your Christian life in a maintaining mode right now? What needs to happen to shake you out of that and to get you on mission?

Pray.