


Read Acts 11:19-30 together. As you read, what catches your attention, and why? Is there something in this passage that you find particularly meaningful, surprising, or challenging?

When Barnabas arrives in Antioch, he recognizes God's grace at work and encourages the believers to remain faithful to Jesus. What do you notice about Barnabas's response? What can we learn from the way he approaches this growing church?

What does this passage reveal about how God works through His people to strengthen and grow the church? Where do you see different people contributing to what God is doing?

What does the decision to go find Saul and bring him to share in the ministry in Antioch show about Barnabas? What might we learn from his willingness to recognize and make room for someone else's gifts?

**Think about someone who has encouraged you in your walk with Jesus. What did they say or do, and how did it affect your faith or willingness to follow Him?**

**What might it look like to move beyond simply saying encouraging things to actively helping someone grow in their faith or use their gifts? Where could you make room for someone else to step forward?**

**When the believers in Antioch hear about the coming famine, they respond by giving according to their ability. What does their response teach us about encouragement and caring for one another? How might encouragement take practical form in our own relationships or church community?**

**Who is someone God might be inviting you to encourage right now? What is one specific way you could strengthen their faith, affirm what God is doing in them, or help carry a burden they're facing? Take time to pray together as a group.**