



COMMUNITY GROUP STUDY GUIDE

For the week of February 12, 2023

Announcements

STF Women Spring Night of Gathering on Sunday evening, March 5, from 7:00 to 8:45 p.m. (Our gathering location will be included in your registration confirmation.) There is no cost to attend, but please register no later than Thursday, March 2! www.stfchurch.com/events

Mens Softball begins Sunday February 24! The season will run from February 24 through April 28. Games will be played at Gadsden Park against other STF teams and teams from other churches. STF Men's softball is for men ages 16 and older. The cost of \$65 per player includes 8 games plus tournament, equipment, and weekly dinner. Register at www.stfchurch.com/events

My Story

1. What is the farthest from home you have ever been? Why were you there?
2. Is your relationship status, career path, health report and bank account line up with your expectations or desires? Why or why not?

Quick Review

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or something that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

Digging Deeper

For this study, we will remain in Acts 11:19-30.

Acts 11:19-30 New International Version

19 Now those who had been scattered by the persecution that broke out when Stephen was killed traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus and Antioch, spreading the word only among Jews. **20** Some of them, however, men from Cyprus and Cyrene, went to Antioch and began to speak to Greeks also, telling them the good news about the Lord Jesus. **21** The Lord's hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord.

22 News of this reached the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. **23** When he arrived and saw what the grace of God had done, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts. **24** He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord.

25 Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, **26** and when he found him, he brought him to Antioch. So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul met with the church and taught great numbers of people. The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.

27 During this time some prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. **28** One of them, named Agabus, stood up and through the Spirit predicted that a severe famine would spread over the entire Roman world. (This happened during the reign of Claudius.) **29** The disciples, as each one was able, decided to provide help for the brothers and sisters living in Judea. **30** This they did, sending their gift to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

1. Antioch was the third largest city in the Roman empire. What might the apostles feel as they hear the Gospel is taking root there? (v23)?

2. Write a character reference for Barnabas based on verses 22-26. (also Acts 4:36-37) From this profile, why did Barnabus recruit Saul (Acts 9:27-28)?

3. What is the most unusual thing the Holy Spirit has done in your life?

Taking It Home

1. Verse 29 records the first public collection taken by one church to help another. Later, Paul collected offerings from Gentile churches to help Christians in Jerusalem. Giving was one practical way Antioch Christians expressed their gratitude to God. Giving displayed love for their brothers and sisters in Christ. How has God directed you to give to help others?

2. What is God calling you to do to serve others? What action step(s) could you ask your group to pray for?

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