

## Elmbrook Discussion Questions

### Acts 11:19-30; 13:1-3 (Antioch)

#### Introduction

Talk about a time when you shared the good news about Jesus. How did people respond to you?

#### Head: *What is the passage saying?*

1. In reading these two passages, summarize the main story line.
2. From 11:19-21, what people groups were included in the account of the, “great number of people who believed and turned to the Lord”? Why is this significant?
3. From these passages, list the characteristics of the church at Antioch.
4. What do we learn about the person, Barnabas? What kind of example does he set for us?

#### Heart: *How does this passage influence my inner being?*

1. How does the list of characteristics of the church at Antioch reflect how you participate in your own church?
2. Are you willing to consider the needs of spiritually-disoriented people more important than your own? If so, how do you practically live this out?
3. What intentional choices are you making to grow/mature your spiritual life?
4. If we are a people of God that includes people from all people groups, how open are you to getting to know someone of a different ethnicity than you? Is getting to know someone (and their story) a practical step you are willing to take?

#### Hands: *How do I practically live this out?*

1. **Pray:** Ask God to give you a resilience to be obedient to His call, and quick to respond to what may be uncomfortable for you. Ask God to reveal particular ways you can step into what is uncomfortable.
2. **Share:** As we see in the example of the church in Antioch, take a step this week to prepare yourself to share about the good news of Jesus. Be alert for a time to share the gospel.
3. **Serve:** Being confident that the power of God has changed you, find a way to practically help a person in need for someone this week.
4. **Journal:** Write about how God is calling you to follow step into something that may feel uncomfortable.

#### Digging Deeper Study:

1. Follow along through the story of Acts by watching these two summary videos (on [Rightnow Media](#)): [Bible Project: Acts \(Part 1\)](#); [Bible Project: Acts \(Part 2\)](#).