



The Church in Antioch

Getting to know each other:

Share a testimony of something God has shown you lately.

Read Acts 11:1-18

1. What stands out to you about how the Christians in Jerusalem reacted to the news about Peter and the ministry he did with the Gentiles in Joppa?
2. Try to place yourself in their shoes and imagine hearing this news for the first time, what is going through your mind? In what ways might the Holy Spirit be challenging you?

Read Acts 11:19-30

3. **Making Observations:** Given how much has occurred since the initial persecution broke out, what insight does Luke "let us in on" at the beginning of this passage?
4. As the news of Antioch reaches Jerusalem, what is God proving to the early church especially in light of Peter's recent experience in Joppa?
5. This week, Pastor Silverio talked about spiritual growth in God's kingdom in terms of waiting longer, clinging onto, and abiding in the Lord (which included the part about "digging deeper"). Which of these analogies resonated most with you?
6. Based on our readings in Acts so far, what seems to be the correlation between the spiritual growth of the early Christians and the size of the church?
7. Prophecy is spiritual gift that is mentioned in several times in Scripture that is often misunderstood or misused today. A simple step towards correcting these is to look at how it's understood and used in Scripture. Let's make the following observations: (a) What seems to be the role of the the prophetic word in the gathering that took place at Antioch? (b) Does the nature of the word that was given align with the word of God? (c) Is it consistent with the character of God? (d) What was the result (fruit)?
8. One of the recurring themes in Acts (and all of Scripture) is that God always finds his "human channels" of faith and obedience in order to work in the world. What is one next step God is stirring in you to do?

Next Steps 2023

- What are some of your next steps in faith for 2023? Share any updates with your group.
- When you complete your next step using the campus QR code below.

Prayer

- Share praises and prayer requests with one another.
- Guided prayer: God, give me the ears to hear when you call me to grow in the ways that you want me to. Give me the courage to answer that call. Lord, give me the joy of seeing You work in ways that only You can do. This I pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

