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### MAIN SCRIPTURE: Acts 11:19-21

<sup>19</sup> Meanwhile, the believers who had been scattered during the persecution after Stephen's death traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch of Syria. They preached the word of God, but only to Jews.<sup>20</sup> However, some of the believers who went to Antioch from Cyprus and Cyrene began preaching to the Gentiles<sup>10</sup> about the Lord Jesus.<sup>21</sup> The power of the Lord was with them, and a large number of these Gentiles believed and turned to the Lord.

### WARM UP

- What were general impressions of today's sermon? What insight, ideas, or inspiration did you receive?
- If you were to look at a blueprint of the people of God, what features do you hope that you would see?

(Below you will find the main points of this week's sermon along with discussion questions. Feel free to use, reword, or omit questions depending on the needs of your group and the time needed for prayer, care, and fellowship. Thank you for your leadership.)

### Thought #1 – Conversations about growth can be scary around the church!

Verses: Acts 11:19-21

- Pastor Kevin said, "We want to lead others into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ". Why are each of the underlined words so important to our mission?
- What efforts to accomplish this do you see at College Church?
- What continued efforts would still like to see? Why?

### Thought # 2 – The church is experiencing great days!

Verses: Acts 11:11, 19-21, 1 Corinthians 4:6

- Pastor Kevin said, "I believe God is doing something here at College Church. I can hear it in the whispers around the church. It's uniting some hearts, working in the hearts of our people. The ball of momentum is starting to roll."
  - What hopeful things are you hearing in "the whispers around the church"?
  - Do you agree that a ball of momentum is starting to roll? Why or why not?
- It's good to remember that each next step in the life of a church is not the first step. Things have been rolling around College Church for many many years. Take a moment to discuss and then praise the Lord for key leaders and exciting seasons that have been a part of College Church over the years and for the work that God has been doing all along. His church marches on!

### Thought # 3 – We want to share the good news with everyone!

Verses: Acts 11:3, 19-21, Acts 10:14-15, 28, 44-45

- When Peter makes his way back to Jerusalem, word has traveled, and he has some questions to answer. Acts 11:3 says, "You entered the home of the gentiles and even ate with them!"
  - Why was it such a big deal that Peter had shared with the Gentiles?
  - Because the Holy Spirit sent Peter to share Jesus with the Gentiles, what doors have been opened for the church? What doors still need to be open in your family, our community, country, and the world?

### Challenge:

- What people groups or populations do think the Lord might be leading College Church to reach with the Gospel? Pray as a group that the Lord would continue to open these doors and position us to accomplish the spread of the gospel in this area.

