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MAIN SCRIPTURE: Acts 11:27-30 (NLT)

²⁷ During this time some prophets traveled from Jerusalem to Antioch. ²⁸ One of them named Agabus stood up in one of the meetings and predicted by the Spirit that a great famine was coming upon the entire Roman world. (This was fulfilled during the reign of Claudius.) ²⁹ So the believers in Antioch decided to send relief to the brothers and sisters in Judea, everyone giving as much as they could. ³⁰ This they did, entrusting their gifts to Barnabas and Saul to take to the elders of the church in Jerusalem.

WARM-UP

- What were your general impressions of today's sermon? What insight, ideas, or inspiration did you receive?

(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 – Let's be a church that responds to the needs!

Verses: Acts 11:27-30

- What needs do you see in your community on a daily/weekly basis?
- Name the beautiful things in your city that need to be preserved or restored. This could be buildings, attitudes, practices, hospitality, etc.
- Name the unacceptable things in your city that we need to stand against or help prevent?
- As you think about our city, who would you say are the most vulnerable populations present? Why?

Thought # 2 – The church decided to give!

Verses: Acts 11:27-30

- Did you have anyone who modeled cheerful and sacrificial giving to you in your life? What difference did their example make in your life?
- College Church has decided to partner with the following organizations:
 - Advice and Aid Pregnancy Centers
 - Millbrooke Apartments
 - Santa Barbara Apartments
 - Mission Southside
 - Salvation Army Outpost
 - Shelter KC
 - Shepherd's Care Ministry
 - Title 1 Schools
 - What good work have you witnessed or heard about through these partnerships?
 - What other partnerships would you like to see?
 - Why is it important for the church to be involved in meeting the needs of local ministries?

Thought # 3 – They gave what they could and gave wisely.

Verses: Acts 11:27-30, 2 Corinthians 9:7

- If you were given unlimited funds to contribute to only one ministry or organization, where would it be? Why?
- If you were given unlimited time and energy to volunteer for a ministry or organization, where would it be? Why?

Challenge:

- A friend of yours asks you what it means to be a cheerful giver and why that is so important. What would you tell them?
- Tell your story. Tell of a time in your life when you had to change your attitude about giving. What were the situation and result? How has giving to others helped in your own spiritual development and experience?

