

Discussion Questions  
May 24, 2026 | Acts 11:19-30  
A Movement, Not a Monument

UPWARDS – Growing in Our Relationship with God

1. The believers in Antioch proclaimed “the Lord Jesus” (v. 20). Why is a high view of Jesus as the exalted Lord essential for ensuring that our evangelism points people to His authority rather than to our personal opinions, preferences, or traditions?
2. In Antioch the disciples were first called “Christians” (v. 26). How should our public identification with Christ and bearing His name shape our sense of personal accountability to grow in His likeness?
3. According to verse 21, “the hand of the Lord” was with them. How does knowing that the Lord works for His people encourage us to trust Him rather than ourselves when we feel inadequate?

INWARDS – Growing in Fellowship with One Another

4. Barnabas and Saul spent an entire year meeting with the church and teaching many people (vv. 25–26). How does their commitment to discipleship help produce visible transformation in believers that the surrounding culture can recognize?
5. Barnabas was “a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith” (v. 24). In what ways do you think his godly character and leadership encouraged and strengthened the church?
6. Barnabas encouraged the disciples “to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts” (v. 23). How does his example encourage us to care for and strengthen one another in the faith?

OUTWARDS – Reaching Those Around Us

7. According to verse 19, the believers who were scattered by persecution continued “spreading the word” wherever they went. How can we use our daily scatterings as opportunities to intentionally be Christ’s witnesses?
8. Verse 20 says that disciples from Cyprus and Cyrene “began to speak to Greeks also, telling them the good news.” What does this reveal about the church’s ethnic and cultural diversity and its embrace of all peoples?
9. The church in Antioch sent relief to the believers in Judea (vv. 29–30), demonstrating remarkable selflessness. How does this inspire us to be generous toward those in need, even across cultural and ethnic boundaries?