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Digging Deeper - Acts 11:19-30
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Day 1

Pray to God, confess your sins, and ask for His help. As you dig deeper into His word this week, consider using a journal to write down the ideas and questions He has for you as you study. Read Acts 11:19-30. How do we know that the Lord was with the other believers as they preached in Antioch? Is there a time in your life when you went against the flow, and it turned out God was on your side all along? How did you know? What happened and what was it about?

Day 2

Pray to God about what he wants you to learn as you study in His word digging deeper into the verses from Sunday's message. Again, read Acts 11:19-30. It's key to know that Antioch was a very diverse city. People from every known world, gender, race, nation, and language were the first group of Jesus' followers to be called "Christians". Realize how God used this city, at this time, for His new church, for all people, to begin to thrive. What happened when Barnabus was sent to Antioch to check in on the new believers?

Day 3

Pray to God as you learn from His word today. Is there someone you need to reconnect with whom you haven't spoken to in a long time? Send them a text, give them a call, and ask them how they are doing and what you can do for them. Read Acts 11:19-30. Many people call themselves Christians because they go to church, have family members that call themselves Christian, or otherwise spend time doing Christian stuff. When someone first decides to follow Jesus, it can be a difficult road. How long did Saul and Barnabas stay in Antioch teaching and preaching? Why do you think they did that?

Day 4

Find a quiet place to settle your body, mind, and spirit. Pray for God's help during this digging deeper study time. Write down what the Holy Spirit brings to your heart and mind. Write everything down into your journal for reflection and study. Read Acts 11:19-30. Look at how Barnabus, full of the joy of the Lord, comes alongside the new believers. That's what your MACC church is doing with Life Groups, providing a place for friends to grow in Christ - where friends become family. Have you joined a life group yet? If not, what's keeping you?

Day 5

Pray for others in your life. Ask God how is He nudging you to come alongside them with kindness, compassion, and joy. Read Acts 11:19-30. When we focus our attention on the needs of others, our giving has purpose and direction and is more meaningful. When Agabus predicted the future famine, and then famine came true, what did the new church members do in response?

