

Lesson 9: Giving Makes a Difference

Acts 11:27-30

Making a Difference

1. (v.27) The prophet Agabus prophesied a great famine was coming. In what ways can hardship or crisis strengthen the faith and unity of a church community?
 - *What encouragement can we draw from knowing that God is aware of future events even when we are uncertain or anxious?*
2. (Phil. 4:12) Paul testified that he knew both abundance and hunger. What can we learn from Paul's attitude during times of need?
3. How does the story of Joseph encourage us to wait on God's provision?
4. What are some dangers of measuring God's love or faithfulness to us by our financial circumstances?
5. How does remembering God's generosity toward us shape our attitude toward giving?
6. What pattern for New Testament giving was set in Antioch? Explain each one. *(Hint: the answers are the subpoints under main point #3 of your fill-in-the-blank page)*
 - *Which of these three characteristics—systematic, sacrificial, or sincere giving—is most challenging for you personally? Why?*
7. How did this lesson speak to you and what action step will it lead you to take? *("Because of what I learned, I will...")*
8. Share one thing God spoke to you about during your daily devotional time this past week.

GROUP PRAYER TIME (Take any prayer requests)

- Pray for the prayer requests given.
- Whatever the Lord spoke to you about in this lesson, turn that into a prayer back to God. Is there something you need to **correct**, **confess**, or **continue** doing...tell Him about it.