

Acts – 10/18/26

Read

Read Acts 11:19-30 and consider what lessons the Holy Spirit intends us to learn.

Examine

- What is the relationship between persecution and mission? Why does it matter that the scattered believers continued to speak the word of the gospel? What does this teach about discipleship?
- What does v.21 imply about ministry, mission, and evangelism? What does it mean for “the hand of the Lord” to be on something?
- How do v.22-26 relate to Acts 1:8 and the Great Commission in Matthew 28:18-20? What do these verses reveal about Christians’ responsibility in disciple-making?
- What is the relationship between Barnabas’ character and his ministry?
- What do v.27-30 teach about how God provides for the needs of his people? What do they teach about Christian generosity?

Apply

- Would someone describe you as a good person, “full of the Holy Spirit and of faith”? Why or why not? What practices and rhythms could you include in your life to become more like Barnabas?
- How can we be sure our character aligns with our ministry? What happens when these two don’t correlate?
- V.26 explains how Barnabas and Saul taught many people in Antioch. List different ways that believers can teach others in everyday life. Is this teaching the responsibility of pastors alone, or all Christians? What is one way you could incorporate this kind of teaching in your life this week?
- This passage reveals the importance of teaching for disciples to mature. How are you ensuring that you receive a steady diet of solid teaching?
- How can our church become more like the church in Antioch? What areas could we grow in? What could it look like for our group specifically to meet needs that arise?

Pray

Take time to praise God for who He is, confess sins, and/or make requests based on this passage.