

b. What principles for giving do you find illustrated in 11:28-30?

c. What was God's role in the events of Acts 11:19-30, and 13:1-4?

d. How can we be more alert to the promptings and guiding ministry of the Holy Spirit?

Let's Pray:

For our missionaries:

Julie Denker - FamilyLife, Little Rock, AR

Pray for Julie and the Audio Group at FamilyLife as they experience continued transition with the radio program "FamilyLife Today" and integrate new opportunities as well.

Sermon Notes

"Picture of a Vibrant Church"

Acts 11:19-30; 13:1-3

February 3, 2019

Growth Group Homework

For the week of 02-03-19

Questions adapted from James Galvin, ed., et al., New Testament Lesson Maker, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1992, pp. 202-204; Karen Lee-Thorp, ed., Acts: Life Change Series, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1987, pp. 99-104.

Getting Started:

1. When you have too much to do, whom do you call on for help?

Digging Deeper:

2. Refresh your memory of "the persecution in connection with Stephen" (Acts 11:19) by re-reading Acts 7:54 – 8:4 before reading 11:19-21.
 - a. What were some of the results of Stephen's martyrdom (8:4; 11:19-21)?
 - b. How was Stephen's martyrdom good for the church? How can good sometimes come out of tragedies?
3. Read Acts 11:22-24. When the church at Jerusalem heard of the new believers, they sent Barnabas to assist.
 - a. What did Barnabas do, and how is he exemplary?

- b. How is someone like Barnabas a real asset to a church?

- c. If you were more like Barnabas, how might people respond to you differently from the way they do now?

4. With so many baby Christians in Antioch, there is much to be taught. Read Acts 11:25-26.

- a. How does Barnabas respond to this need? How is this plan helpful to Barnabas? To the church in Antioch? To Saul?

- b. Why is it helpful to work with a partner in doing Christian ministry?

5. Conclude by reading Acts 11:27-30 and 12:25–13:4.

- a. Whom did the apostles take with them back to Antioch (12:25)? Although this text does not say, in light of your observations in question 4 above, do you have any hypothesis about why he was invited along?