



SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

"To the Ends of the Earth" *Acts 11:19-30*

Record your insights & observations from this week's sermon.

SERMON NOTES

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1) Read *Acts 1:8; 8:1; 11:19-20*. How do we see God's global plan unfold in these passages?
- 2) It was persecution that led God's people out of Jerusalem and into other parts of the world. How does persecution fuel growth to the church? How can persecution in America result in a stronger church in our nation and in our world?
- 3) Read *Acts 11:19-21*. The Greek-speaking Jews were able to cross the cultural barriers to reach an unreached people group. Who are people in your circles of influence who are different than you that don't know Jesus? How can you enter their world and share the gospel to them?
- 4) Read *Acts 11:22-26*. What kind of partnership do you see develop between the Church of Jerusalem and the Church of Antioch? How can the church better equip and send its people to the mission field?
- 5) Barnabas and Saul left their comfort zones behind and spent a year teaching the new believers in Antioch about Jesus. What mission field is God calling you to? What group of people do you need to reach for Jesus?
- 6) Read *Acts 11:28-30*. When famine struck Jerusalem, this new Gentile church in Antioch helped support them through it. How can Christ Covenant help our missionaries around the world during this coronavirus time? What can you specifically do to encourage our missionaries during this trying time?

FOR YOUR FAMILY

- 1) Memorize *Acts 11:21*– *“And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number who believed turned to the Lord.”*
- 2) Read *Acts 1:8; 8:1; 11:19-21*. Discuss with your family how persecution can allow the church to scatter and grow stronger around the world.
- 3) Read *Acts 11:22-30*. Talk with your family about the importance of being able to cross cultural barriers and share the gospel. Also, discuss the importance of partnership as we support our missionaries. Take some time to pray for some of our missionary families.