

GROWTH GROUP QUESTIONS WEEK OF OCT 22<sup>nd</sup> 2017

ACTS 11:19-30

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EXPLOIT ADVERSITY

*Take a little time to review this week's sermon. Using your sermon notes and your Bible, answer the following questions before the group meeting. Write out your answers so you'll feel more comfortable sharing them with the group. Have a great time!*

**I. Getting to Know You**

How did you experience God working in your life this week? How can we pray for you?

**II. Do Digging Deeper**

1. What personal characteristics do you think it takes to be able to recognize opportunities embedded in adversity? Why do you think it is sometimes so hard for Christians (people) to see the opportunities in adversities?
2. Do you agree with the statement: "A Christian who really knows Christ can't help but show Christ"? Why, or Why not?
3. Look at the situation that developed in verses 27-30. What can we learn about (Christian) interdependence from this development?

4. The church at Antioch becomes a very important ministry center (Chapter 13). What can we deduce about God's providence and adversity from this development?

**III. Making it Personal**

5. List 2 or 3 steps we can take to maintain our confidence in God and the gospel even when we experience turmoil as a result of our faith?
6. What spiritual characteristics does it take to practice generosity even when we are facing difficulty?
7. Are you currently facing some adversity? How can this week's study help you respond to your adversity?

**IV. Prayer**