

Look Out for Grace

Main Scripture: Acts 11:19-26, Acts 9:26-30

Hearing: Discussion Questions

- **Read Acts 11:23.** Is it easy for you to naturally find grace in people and situations or is that something you have to work at?
- Are there some situations or people when it is harder than others? Why or why not? Share some examples.
- **Read Acts 11:19.** The Scriptures say that the disciples only preached to the Jews. Think in your own life and ask yourself the question, “Who am I drawn to? What type of people do I reach out to?”
 - What are some ways that God is calling you to expand that sphere of influence? Discuss different strategies in doing so with the small group.
- Do you have a Barnabas in your life that is constantly seeing grace and encouraging those around you? If so, share some stories about how they have impacted and influenced you.
- Barnabas activated Paul by calling him off the bench and into the game. Do you have any Pauls or Susan Boyles in your life that you need to call off the bench and encourage to get in the game? How could you go about doing that? Discuss with the group!
- Part of the reason that Barnabas had such a profound impact on Paul was because he was willing to open his life up to Paul and pour into him. Discipleship is caught not taught and for that to really happen, you need to spend and invest time with that person. So who are you letting see the ins and outs of your life on a regular basis? Basically, *who are you discipling?*
 - **Small group leader:** this could be a great opportunity to take some time tonight and pair some people up in terms of relational discipleship. Encourage some of your stronger more seasoned Christians in your group to start pouring into some of the newer ones and initiate those relationships!

Doing: Application

- Create a culture of looking for grace and discipleship. Start commissioning your group to go and start making disciples by calling out grace in others by:
 1. Being honest with themselves about the tough situations to find grace in
 2. Asking God for His eyes in situations where they have had difficulty finding grace in situation or more importantly, in other people.
 3. Go out and *intentionally* start looking for grace this week!