GROWTH GUIDE

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UNSTOPPABLE: THE ACTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT OUR PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH | ACTS 11:19-30 FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 6, 2022

SERMON OUTLINE

Lord, give us boldness at every opportunity.
 Acts 11:19-20
 Lord, would your hand be with us. Acts 11:21
 Lord, give us eyes to see your grace at work.
 Acts 11:24

 Lord, give us partners for the work of ministry. Acts 11:25-26

 Lord, fill us with steadfast purpose. Acts 11:23
 Lord, add to our number those being saved. Acts 11:24
 Lord, give us partners for the work of ministry. Acts 11:25-26

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. What kind of place was Antioch? Who were the Hellenists mentioned in v20? How does knowing that background information help us understand the passage better?

Acts 11:27-30

- 2. Looking back at the passage and your notes, is there anything you heard for the first time or something that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
- 3. What does this narrative about the church in Antioch reveal or remind us about God and His redemptive plan?
- 4. When Barnabas (the "son of encouragement" Acts 4:36) visited the church at Antioch, he could have been critical but instead he saw the grace of God. What are some practical ways we can intentionally take note of the grace of God in our life and in the life of others around us? How can we then use that to encourage others?
- 5. In v23, Barnabas encourages the believers in Antioch to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose. What other purposes might distract us from faithfulness to the Lord?

BREAKOUT DISCUSSION PRAYER

- 1. Pray through the 8 prayer points from Acts 11:19-30 (found at the top of the page) for City on a Hill and the global Church.
- 2. Pray for Ukraine using the list of 10 ways to pray we received on Sunday as a starting point. If you no longer have it those points were: Strength and courage, Displaced people, emotional, physical, and spiritual health, government officials and leaders, fighting and conflict to cease, relief and humanitarian organizations, pastors and leaders, spiritual health and well-being of the believers, the Gospel to be proclaimed, and God's divine intervention.