

# Deck Discussion Questions

Striving to Know God and His People Better

2. When Barnabus arrived in Antioch, Acts 11:23 says “he saw what the grace of God had done.” What do you believe is the “evidence” that Barnabus witnessed in the church in Antioch?
3. What is the name given to the early followers of Jesus in Acts 11:26? Why is this significant? What does this name change mean for us and how we live our lives today?
4. Following the example of the early church, how can we as a church care for people in need in our community?

## Influencing Our World

1. How does this passage and the example of Barnabus challenge you to make a difference for God?
2. Who is God asking you to reach out to this week in your spheres of influence? What steps can you take this week to reach them with the truth and love of God?

## Deepening Our Hearts for God

1. According to the teaching in Mark 12:41-44, what moves God when we give to Him?
2. When we give to God, there is a particular trait that He wants to see in those that contribute to His work. What is that trait according to 2 Corinthians 9:7?

**Looking Ahead:** Read Acts 12:1-25. How hard is to trust God with the details of our lives? What insights and questions does this passage give you about allowing God to be in control of our lives?



**Coming Together:** What is your hometown? If you had the resources to accomplish a project for the people of your hometown, what would you do and why? (How many resources is up to your imagination!)

## Growing in Our Understanding

1. Read Acts 11:19-30. Answer the following questions:
  - What was one result of Stephen’s martyrdom?
  - How is God using the local church in these verses?
  - Who is really responsible for the growth of the church in Antioch according to Acts 11:21?
  - What does Barnabus do to encourage this young church? See Acts 11:22-23
2. Who were the different people groups mentioned in Acts 11? Why do you Luke makes sure to mention them all?
3. What are some of the praiseworthy characteristics in Barnabus? See Acts 11:22-26; 4:36-37; 9:27-28

## Unwrapping God’s Principles

1. How did the Mother Church in Jerusalem respond to the increased number of new believers (Acts 11:22)? Why do you think they responded this way?