

Small Group Study Guide

ICE BREAK

- Share a time you were part of a church, job, group that was mixed- racially, ethnically, financially or socially”?
- What impact did that experience have on you? Your walk with Jesus?

STUDY

This week we focus on the marks of a church centered on Christ and led by the Spirit”.

What did you discover this week that was new about what it means to be called a Christian?

1. Read Acts 11:18-21

- a. The Jerusalem church spread because of persecution and was biased in its Evangelism. (How did those 2 facts impact you?)
- b. Here God uses Outliers- Non-Jews to break through the barriers for evangelism.
- c. How common is it for God to work through the least expected to accomplish his will? How have you seen Him personally work that way?
- d. The **Soldiers** carried on the lie for money. How does one lie often lead to others?

2. Acts 11:26: Saul & Barnabas invested an entire year teaching them after their baptism.”

- a. Besides weekly sermons- what Bible Studies do you participate in?
- b. What opportunities are you aware of to do that at FB/VR?

3. The Christians in Antioch were called Christians by those outside their church-by their Witness.

- a. In what specific ways do those around you know you are

Christian? What evidence do they have/what stands out?

- b. How common is it for you to be with others different from you?

4. Acts 11:27-30 Spirit-Lead Christians

- a. How does ministering to physical needs often open doors for spiritual ministry?
- b. Share a time when you received/helped someone with physical needs that resulted in spiritual awakening/renewal.

REFLECT

- What are you most known for: Being a **Christ**-ian or Something Else?

PRAY

- Pray individually and as a group to be more intensely Christ-Centered & Spirit-Led. .
- Follow up on past prayer requests.
- Pray for the mission God has given each of us to live out daily.