

GROUPS

sermon guide

RIOTS & REVIVALS - 10/05/2025 MIKE WILSON

MAIN IDEA

WHAT WOULD CHRISTIANS DO?

TALK ABOUT IT

- **ICEBREAKER:** If Christians had a 'starter pack' — like a few things that represent what we're about — what would be in it and why?
- Why do you think the scattered believers kept sharing the Word even after being persecuted? What do you think was driving them?
- What role do you think hope played in their willingness to speak out, even in hardship?
- If persecution grew in our context today, how do you think the Church would respond? How do you think you would respond?
- How does this challenge the way we respond to discomfort, criticism, or opposition today?
- In your own life, how easy or difficult is it to carry God's Word into your daily settings? Why do you think that is?
- Barnabas saw the grace of God when he arrived in Antioch. What does it look like to "see grace" in someone else's life?
- Can you think of a time when you felt truly glad because of someone else's growth, breakthrough, or blessing? What made it meaningful?
- How can we become more aware of God's grace in unexpected places or people, especially where we don't usually look for it?
- Why do you think Barnabas sought Paul instead of returning to Jerusalem?
- Are there "fresh" moves of God happening in or around you that you may be ignoring or resisting? What holds you back?
- What might "stale" look like in your spiritual life habits, attitudes, or routines that no longer bring life? What would it take to let them go?
- Verse 27-30: What stands out to you about the believers' response to the prophecy of famine?
- How does generosity reflect the heart of Jesus — not just financially, but in other ways?
- Would you say your generosity tends to be more reactive or proactive (looking for ways to give)? Why?
- How might God be inviting you to practice generosity in a new way in this season — time, money, presence, forgiveness?
- After looking at the example of the believers in Acts 11, what's one way you feel challenged or encouraged to live out your faith this week — not just in belief, but in action?

KEY SCRIPTURES

ACTS 11:19-30

NEXT STEPS

- **ENCOUNTER:**
 - Join us at one of our Sunday services: 8:30am, 10am & 11:30am
 - Spanish translation available during our 10am service
- **EXPERIENCE**
 - Growth Track WEEK 2: Discover Your Design
 - Fireside Room at 10am
- **EXPAND**
 - Light the Night - October 31st - [Sign up to serve HERE](#)
 - **Colombia Mission's Trip Info Meeting** - October 12th at 11:30am in the Chapel



GOING DEEPER

- **Reflection:** If someone watched your life this week, what would they say Christians do — and where might they see you choosing comfort over bold obedience?
- **Journal:** Write about a time when you clearly saw the grace of God at work — either in your own life or someone else's — and how it changed your perspective.
- **Application:** Who is someone God might be calling you to pursue or encourage — like Barnabas did with Paul — and how can you take a step toward that this week?

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