

## Small Group Questions from June 9, 2019

Read Text: Acts 11:19-30

1. Discuss your overall reaction to the message from Sunday. Did anything “stick with you” throughout this past week?
2. Bob pointed out that in the book of Acts the wickedness of men does not have the final word. That even man’s evil can be used by God to accomplish His good purposes. In what ways can this be a comfort? In what ways does this create discomfort or tension for some? How can we cultivate greater trust in God when we encounter the wickedness of man in this world?
3. This text illustrates for us that God utilizes even the disruptions to our plans and lives to propel His mission forward. Read James 4:13-15. What does this text teach us about making plans? How can we live wisely and with purpose and yet humbly before the Lord? How can we help our children and young people at church look at their future plans with humility?
4. What plans for your life has God interrupted? How can you learn to let go of those plans and trust His will for your life? Why is it better to rest in God’s will than to attempt to force your plans? How can you practice this change of perspective in your own life?

## Small Group Questions from May 26, 2019

Read Text: Acts 11:1-18

1. Discuss your overall reaction to the message from Sunday. Did anything “stick with you” throughout this past week?
2. This passage speaks to the common temptation that we all have to add to the gospel. What are some of the common ways that people are tempted to make secondary matters or preferences central matters of the Christian faith? In what ways can we do this subtly?
3. How can we discuss matters of significant disagreement as believers within the same church? How can we remain united around the gospel when we disagree on so many different things?
4. Bob encouraged us to respond to the temptation to divide by doing two things: (1) Remind ourselves that God’s Word is above all; (2) Remind ourselves of the gospel. How can you do each of those things? How can we remind one another of these things? How can we keep difference from dividing us as a church?