

### THE SECRET OF ANTIOCH

*Acts 11:19-30, 13:1-3*

#### MAIN IDEAS FROM THIS WEEK

1. THE MINISTRY OF ENCOURAGEMENT
  - WHAT IT IS
  - WHY IT'S SO IMPORTANT
  - WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE
  - HOW WE CAN LIVE IT OUT

#### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS – Pick one or two of these to talk about as a group

1. This week is the first week of our fall small-group semester! Make sure to spend some time catching up and/or getting to know each other. If you need some icebreaker questions you can use the Grow Together conversation cards that were in your “Group in a Box.”
2. What part of this past weekend’s teaching stood out most to you? Why?
3. What are your hopes for this small-group?
4. This week’s message was all about encouragement and how important it is in our lives. Did your understanding of encouragement change at all after hearing the teaching? Who is somebody in your life that you would describe as an encourager?
5. An encourager is the type of person who will never shame you but will also never pull punches when they are speaking into your life. What do you think it takes to build a relationship like this with someone that is secure enough that you can be totally truthful AND totally loving towards one another?
6. What are some things that deter you from speaking the truth to other people? What makes it such a challenge to speak the truth in a loving way? How can we get better at this?
7. Consider spending some time praying together as a group and asking that God would use your small-group to build authentic, encouragement-filled, Jesus-centered community in your lives.