

STUDY GUIDE

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STAY IN THE LOOP

Announcements

- Have you signed up for Southgate's bi-weekly newsletter? If you haven't, you might be missing out on some important information! Find the sign-up link on our website or contact René at rene@southgatechurch.com

START WITH PRAYER

Use this Prayer Prompt

Thank God for His grace and goodness and for wanting the best for us. Ask God to help us be witnesses to who He is and live lives of integrity. Ask God to help us influence others by loving them, cheering them on, and seeing things that the world doesn't see.

STUDY THE BIBLE

Think through and discuss your reactions as you read through Scripture:

Acts 11:19-30

Genesis 50:20

John 14:6

Acts 4:36

STIR UP DISCUSSION

How does this week's teaching affect me personally?

1. What the enemy meant for bad, God can use for good and for his glory. How have you seen this play out in your or someone

else's life?

2. Why do you think the church in Antioch was so influential? What can we learn from them?
3. People who follow Jesus are diverse in many ways. What core beliefs do you think bind us together?
4. The Gospel of Jesus is a message of grace and truth. It is an exclusive truth, but it's an inclusive offer because it's for everyone. How would you reply to this statement: "Everyone creates their own truth"?
5. Barnabas was an encourager of other believers, filled with the Holy Spirit. How can you influence and encourage others to grow in their faith?

STEP INTO ACTION

Let's try to apply this by taking some Next Steps.

1. **Kingdom influence requires integrity with others.** We all influence someone's life. Remember that building trust takes time. When we pursue integrity in obscurity, we not only gain influence with others, we gain influence with God.
2. **Kingdom influence sees things in others that others can't see.** See past the mistakes to the potential God has for them. Ask God to help you see people the way He sees them.
3. **Kingdom influence opens doors for others that they couldn't open on their own.** The way of the world is to be intimidated by other people's gifts. God's way is to cheer others on and help them succeed. Who can you do that for?