

Embracing God's desire to reach people

Acts 11:19-21

- I. My hardest trials can create my greatest opportunities for the gospel (Acts 11:19).
 - How have my trials created opportunities to serve God and the gospel (Philippians 1:12-14)?
 - Who do I know that needs the gospel who I wouldn't have met apart from my trials?

- II. God prompts us to reach those most like us and some who are least like us (Acts 11:20).
 - Did God give me commonalities with certain people for the sake of the gospel?
 - Is God prompting me to create a bridge of friendship to someone different than me culturally?

- III. God works through the power of the gospel as we pray and purposefully reach out (Acts 11:21).
 - *The Lord's hand* – We can depend on God's power when we share the gospel (21a; Matthew 28:20).
 - *A great number believed* – People believe in Christ as God works through the gospel (21b; Romans 1:16).