

KICKOFF

What was your favorite childhood toy?

SUMMARY

Eric DiCicco continued our series through the book of Acts with a message entitled "Lessons from a Church Plant". This week we saw Barnabas and Saul being sent to Antioch and the work of the Lord there.

Take a moment and read Acts 11:19-26. What stood out to you from this passage? Why?

1. It's all for good (v.19-21)

- · What is your first reaction to this statement? Agreement? Doubt?
- · Share an example of a bad experience that the Lord has used for good. How did He ultimately turn this negative into good?
- · Since the "end-game" is for good, how could God use a current "bad" situation for His "good"? How can you choose to believe this truth despite being in a bad situation.

2. Be an encourager...for heaven's sake! (v. 22-24)

APPLICATION

- · Does encouraging others come naturally to you? Have you become more or less of an encouragement to others as you have gotten older?
- · How have you seen encouragement lift effect yourself or someone else? Did that situation bring the Lord glory?
- · This week, what are some practical ways you could encourage those in your life?

3. Don't waste your waiting

- · Saul had to wait on a deep desire for 10 years. Surely he thought many times that God had forgotten him. What is it that you are waiting for?
- · How can you not waste your waiting in your specific situation?
- Which point did God use to speak to you most? Trusting that He would use bad for good? Challenging you to be an encourager? The call to not waist your waiting time? Explain why.

PRAYER

More than likely specific situations were brought up today. Spend some time praying through these as a group.







