

Celebrating Change?

Acts 11:19-26

What should we do when God does something new?

1. _____ it

2. _____ it

3. _____ it

For Further Reflection and Discussion

Opener: Do you like to play board or card games? If so, what's your favorite?

How did God speak to you or work in you at church this Sunday?

Read Acts 11:19-26. What did the men from Cyprus and Cyrene do that was new and different?

- What result did they see?

What are some reasons to believe that God still does new things today?

Based on what you have seen, how do established churches tend to respond when God begins to move in a new way?

- What have you seen done that was unhelpful?
- What have you seen done that was constructive?

What might it look like for our church to honor people with entrepreneurial gifts and talents, and to make space for new moves of God to happen?

What about the proclamation of the gospel in Antioch was *not* new and different?

- Based on what you see in these verses, what are some criteria we could use to evaluate whether a "new move" is of God?

What does Barnabas do?

- Why does Barnabas do what he does?
- What is the result of Barnabas' work?

What would it look like for you to follow Barnabas' example?

- What could it look like for our church to follow Barnabas' example (now or in the future)?

How can we pray for one another?