FAMILY RESOURCE FOR THIS WEEK:

BIG IDEA: We serve better together

READ ACTS 11:19-21

What happened as people who believed in Jesus moved around? Find a dandelion that is ready to seed and blow on it!

READ ACTS 11:22-24

What did Barnabas do in Antioch? Say something encouraging to each person in your family.

READ ACTS 11:25-26

Why did Barnabas bring Saul to Antioch? Put a puzzle together.

READ ACTS 13:1-3

How did the church leaders know what they should do? As a family, ask God to show you what you should be doing.

READ ACTS 13:4-5

Draw a picture of Saul, Barnabas, & John getting on the boat.



SMALL GROUP RESOURCE FOR THIS WEEK:

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SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Acts 11:1-26 Acts 13:1-5 Romans 12:4-8 1 Corinthians 12:1-12 Ephesians 4:11-16 Philippians 1:27-28 Hebrews 10:24-25 3 John 1:5-8

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Paul and Barnabas were very capable men. Why did they always seek out a partner to serve with them? Why does the Holy Spirit give each of us different gifts? What does that gifting tell us about how God wants us to serve Him?

Why do most of us prefer to serve alone?

What is likely to happen if I am determined to serve God by myself?

What is likely to happen if I am determined to serve God with others?

When seeking to serve God with others, should I look for partners who are more different or are less different from me? Why?

Why does God clearly desire for us to serve together? (see Ephesians 4:11-16)

When have you seen this really demonstrated in your own life and service?

PRAYER FOCUS:

Say a prayer of blessing and encouragement over someone every day this week.