

# Potential Discussion Questions

## 10-6-19 Message: Progress Amid Opposition, pt 1

1. What is your orientation toward progress? How was it formed? What progress revs your engine most?
2. Do a little more research on Antioch in the first Century. What else do you discover that makes this a fitting place for the first Gentile church to begin?
3. When we look at the influence of Barnabas, how is he characterized? Why is character so important in these emerging leaders? Note that the leaders in Jerusalem did not send an apostle this time. How is Barnabas a perfect fit for this role?
4. Think a bit about how you are investing your gifts and abilities to serve God's Kingdom and people. Are your places of service aligned with your passions? How do you sense God's leading and confirmation for where you are serving? Do you desire to make any adjustments?
5. If "MEism" is a church killer, how do we work together to eradicate it and keep it at bay?
6. What is your initial response to the term "benevolence"? How do you discern who in your sphere of influence suffers from poor self/resource management and who has a genuine need? Is there a specific way of meeting needs that inspires and excites you?
7. Sharing our resources is a delicate subject for many. Why do you think this is? Reread Acts 11:27-30 and 2 Corinthians chapters 8 and 9 (a similar passage with far more extensive instruction). What principles do you draw from these passages that guide and motivate your giving?
8. What are some of the blessings of giving noted in the passages you read for question 7? What are some specific benefits you see in your life from giving and sharing with those in need?
9. What adjustments do you want/need to make in your giving in light of this study?
10. How would you like the group to pray for you in your application of this passage?