

**MAY 9, 2021**  
**LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**  
***THE SECRET INGREDIENT***  
**ACTS 11:19-26**

**Engaging with Each Other**

1. Would you rather have a pause, rewind or forward button on your life? Why?

**Engaging with the Scriptures**

2. Read James 3:3-5, Proverbs 18:21 and Matthew 12:33-37. Then also think about the video testimony and the teaching from the message about negative words and our brain. With all of this in mind, talk as a group about the power of words. To help your discussion along, consider some or all of these additional questions:
  - What were you reminded of?
  - Did you learn anything new?
  - Did God convict you about anything?
  - Do you find that you remember harsh words more than encouraging ones?
  - How does “speaking the truth in love” (Ephesians 4:15) come into play when trying also to be an encourager?
3. Now we move onto *encouragement* and being an *encourager*.
  - How do you think you do with giving encouragement? Why?
  - In which of the four areas mentioned in the message would you like to see growth in your life? Why?

**Engaging the Scriptures with Life**

4. While we can't do everything as we respond to the message, we can do one thing. As you think about your “one thing,” consider these additional questions:
  - As you were listening to the message, did a person's or people's names or faces keep coming to mind? Would you be willing to share who he/she is, who they are, and why you kept thinking about them?
  - How do you think you can take a step to grow in the area you mentioned above as it relates to the person/people you mentioned above? What is one thing you will do this week to encourage that person/those people?