

Study Guide on Acts 11:1-18

New American Standard Bible

Assign each person in the class one or more verses to study.
Each person should answer these two questions on their assigned verse.

1. What does this verse say?
2. What does this verse mean to me?
3. Discuss your answers with the class.

Acts 11:1-18

(Acts 11:1) Now the apostles and the brethren who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God.

(Acts 11:2) And when Peter came up to Jerusalem, those who were circumcised took issue with him,

(Acts 11:3) saying, “You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them.”

(Acts 11:4) But Peter began speaking and proceeded to explain to them in orderly sequence, saying,

(Acts 11:5) “I was in the city of Joppa praying; and in a trance I saw a vision, an object coming down like a great sheet lowered by four corners from the sky; and it came right down to me,

(Acts 11:6) and when I had fixed my gaze on it and was observing it I saw the four-footed animals of the earth and the wild beasts and the crawling creatures and the birds of the air.

(Acts 11:7) “I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’

(Acts 11:8) “But I said, ‘By no means, Lord, for nothing unholy or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’

(Acts 11:9) “But a voice from heaven answered a second time, ‘What God has cleansed, no longer consider unholy.’

(Acts 11:10) “This happened three times, and everything was drawn back up into the sky.

(Acts 11:11) “And behold, at that moment three men appeared at the house in which we were staying, having been sent to me from Caesarea.

(Acts 11:12) “The Spirit told me to go with them without misgivings. These six brethren also went with me and we entered the man’s house.

(Acts 11:13) “And he reported to us how he had seen the angel standing in his house, and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and have Simon, who is also called Peter, brought here;

(Acts 11:14) and he will speak words to you by which you will be saved, you and all your household.’

(Acts 11:15) “And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as He did upon us at the beginning.

(Acts 11:16) “And I remembered the word of the Lord, how He used to say, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’

(Acts 11:17) “Therefore if God gave to them the same gift as He gave to us also after believing in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God’s way?”

(Acts 11:18) When they heard this, they quieted down and glorified God, saying, “Well then, God has granted to the Gentiles also the repentance that leads to life.”

Write the verse or verses you have been assigned in the space below:

Answer These Questions for Class Discussion or Study

1. What does the verse say?
2. What does the verse mean to me?