

Study Guide on Acts 11:1-18

New Revised Standard Version

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 believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God.

(Acts 11:2) So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him,

(Acts 11:3) saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?”

(Acts 11:4) Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying,

(Acts 11:5) “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me.

(Acts 11:6) As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and 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 replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’

(Acts 11:9) But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’

(Acts 11:10) This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven.

(Acts 11:11) At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were.

(Acts 11:12) The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house.

(Acts 11:13) He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter;

(Acts 11:14) he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.'

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

(Acts 11:16) And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.'

(Acts 11:17) If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?"

(Acts 11:18) When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles 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?