

ACTS CHAPTER 11 – DEFENDING GOD’S GRACE – THE JEWISH/GENTILE CHURCH

Peter Defends God’s Grace (vs. 1-18) - Questions 1-6

Barnabas and Saul at Antioch (vs. 19-26) - Questions 7-10

Relief to Judea (vs. 27-30) – Questions 11-12

Would you please study the ELEVENTH chapter of Acts? After reading it a time or two, become familiar with the questions asked below and give your answers. We will discuss these during our meeting on Tuesday! See you there!!

Discussion Questions:

Peter Defends God’s Grace (vs. 1-18) - Questions 1-6

1. *What was the reaction of the Jews in Jerusalem to Peter regarding the Gentiles receiving the Word of God? (vs. 1-3). What was Peter’s response? (vs. 4-18).*

*2. *Describe the conversation between the Lord and Peter regarding the vision, while he was on the rooftop. How many statements did the Lord make? What was the significance of the vision? (vs. 5-10).*

*3. *What occurred at the front of Simon the tanner’s house at the very moment Peter received the rooftop vision? What did the Spirit tell Peter to do at that point? (vs. 11-12)*

*4. *Explain how the Spirit worked on both ends of this situation – on Cornelius and on Peter. (vs. 5-18) Is this working simultaneously on both ends typical of how the Spirit works? How important is it to receive confirmation on both ends in situations where the Spirit is leading, to be sure it is indeed the Spirit working?*

*5. *How did Peter describe the interruption of his sermon by the Holy Spirit? (vs. 13-15) What words of the Lord did Peter remember at that time? (v. 16).*

*6. *What defense did Peter give regarding God giving the same gift to the Gentile as He gave the Jews? (v. 17). What was the response by the Jews? (v. 18)*

Barnabas and Saul at Antioch (vs. 19-26) - Questions 7-10

**7. Following the persecution that arose over Stephen, how far did the "preaching" Christians scatter? (vs. 19-21). To whom were they preaching? (v. 19)*

8. Describe the fruitfulness of the teaching at Antioch. (v. 21) When the church in Jerusalem heard of the teaching in Antioch, who did they send to check it out? (v. 22)

**9. How did Barnabas greet the believers in Antioch and what did he do regarding them? (v. 22). How is Barnabas described in verse 24? Where then did Barnabas go to seek Paul? (v. 26)*

**10. What was the result of the meeting in Tarsus? For the following year, where were Paul and Barnabas and what were they doing? (v. 26)*

Relief to Judea (vs. 27-30) – Questions 11-12

11. Who else came to Antioch from Jerusalem at that time? What did Agabus prophesy? (vs. 27-28).

12. What did the disciples in Antioch decide to do with regard to the brethren dwelling in Judea? (v. 29) Who hand-carried the relief to the elders? (v. 30)
