

## Acts 11 Study Guide

### Verses 1-3

- 1) What had taken place between these verses and the last verse of Chapter 10?
- 2) What does 'contended' mean and what caused the Jewish Christians to contend with Peter?

### Verses 4-17

- 3) Compare these verses to the account in Chapter 10, keeping in the mind that Peter's listeners did not have chapter 10 to prepare them like we have had. What qualities do you see in Peter's communication with them?
- 4) How was this accounting helpful in giving direction to the Apostles in whom the Gospel was to be delivered?
- 5) Did you have preconceived ideas of what God expected of you before you were given understanding of the Truth?
- 6) Do you find this is something you must deal with when witnessing to others? How do you answer?

### Verse 18

- 7) Find other Scriptures that help us understand this exchange between Peter and those who had previously contended with him.
- 8) Are there Old Testament scriptures of this salvation being offered to the Gentiles?

### Verses 19-21

- 9) Where are the regions and cities referred to in these verses?
- 10) Who were the groups referred to in these verses?
- 11) Do we see anything positive coming out of this persecution of the disciples of Jesus?

### Verses 22-26

- 12) Given what we have already learned about Barnabas, what is notable about his activities in these verses?
- 13) Find the other specific places where the word Christian is used in the New Testament and compare them to your knowledge of how the word has been used over the centuries since its origins in Antioch.
- 14) What does it mean to exhort one another?
- 15) Explain why Barnabas exhorted the Antioch believers "that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord."
- 16) For what purpose did Barnabas seek the Apostle Paul to bring him back to Antioch?

### Verses 27-30

- 17) What can you find out about Agabus?
- 18) What does this passage reflect about how the believers developed as a unified body?
- 19) What does the scripture say about helping those in need?