

Study Guide on Acts 11:1-18

New International 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) The apostles and the believers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God.

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

(Acts 11:3) and said, “You went into the house of uncircumcised men and ate with them.”

(Acts 11:4) Starting from the beginning, Peter told them the whole story:

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

(Acts 11:6) I looked into it and saw four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, reptiles and birds.

(Acts 11:7) Then I heard a voice telling me, ‘Get up, Peter. Kill and eat.’

(Acts 11:8) “I replied, ‘Surely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’

(Acts 11:9) “The voice spoke from heaven a second time, ‘Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.’

(Acts 11:10) This happened three times, and then it was all pulled up to heaven again.

(Acts 11:11) “Right then three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea stopped at the house where I was staying.

(Acts 11:12) The Spirit told me to have no hesitation about going with them. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered the man's house.

(Acts 11:13) He told us how he had seen an angel appear in his house and say, 'Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter.

(Acts 11:14) He will bring you a message through which you and all your household will be saved.'

(Acts 11:15) "As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning.

(Acts 11:16) Then I remembered what the Lord had said: 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.'

(Acts 11:17) So if God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could stand in God's way?"

(Acts 11:18) When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, "So then, even to Gentiles God has granted 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?