

Acts 11

Observation Questions, "What does the passage say?"

Acts 11:1-30

1. What do the apostles and brethren hear?
2. How is Peter challenged? How does Peter respond?
3. How does Peter describe what happened (vs. 15-16) and what conclusion does he draw (v. 17-18).
4. What are we told about the people who were scattered? To whom do they preach?
5. Who is sent to Antioch? What does he see? How is he described? What does he do after that?
6. Who does Barnabus bring to Antioch? What do they do?
7. What are the disciples called at Antioch?
8. Who is Agabus and what does he do? What happens as a result?
9. What else do you see?

Interpretation: What does this passage mean?

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1. How would you title this chapter? Why is it included in the book of Acts?
2. Compare vs. 15-16 with Acts 2:1-4; 8:14; 10:44.
3. Compare vs. 17-18 with 10:34-35.
4. Why does it bother the Jewish believers that Gentiles are coming to Christ?
5. What do you make of the phrase in verse 19: "God has granted to the Gentiles also the repentance that leads to life"?
6. Where is Antioch? Why is Antioch important? (Acts 6:5; 11:20; 13:1; 14:26; 15:22; 18:22; Galatians 2:11).
7. What impact would the gift sent by Gentile believers to the Jewish church have upon the church?
8. What else grabbed your attention and study? Come ready to share.

Application: What does the passage mean to me?

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1. What healthy principles of church life do you see in this passage? Any unhealthy things that concern you? Do any of those things exist in our church? The church in general?
2. What else did God use to speak to you? What does God want to say to us?