

## Life Group Questions - Acts 11

When has God worked in a way you did not expect, and how did you respond?

### **Acts 11:1-18 – Peter Explains His Actions**

How did the believers in Jerusalem react when they heard Gentiles had received the word of God, and why do you think they responded that way?

In what ways are we sometimes like the “Jewish believers” in Acts 11:2 (quick to criticize, slow to listen) in our own church or families?

What does Peter’s calm, detailed explanation teach us about how to respond when others question our choices?

What traditions or assumptions might we be holding that could keep us from welcoming people God is drawing to himself?

How does this passage challenge our attitudes toward people who are culturally or ethnically different from us?

When the church finally understood what God had done among the Gentiles, they glorified God. What would it look like for our group or church to respond like that when God works in unexpected ways today?

### **Acts 11:19-30 – The Church in Antioch**

What do you notice about how the church in Antioch began and grew, and what does that suggest about God’s heart for mission?

Barnabas “saw the grace of God” in Antioch and was glad. What signs of God’s grace would you hope someone would see in our church?

Why do you think Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, and what does that teach us about recognizing and developing others’ gifts?

The disciples were first called “Christians” in Antioch. What did that name likely mean for them, and what should it mean for us today?

The Antioch believers gave “each according to his ability” to help others during the famine. What would it look like for us to show that same generosity in a present crisis or need?

### **Personal Application**

What barriers keep you personally from sharing the gospel, and what step of obedience or trust might God be asking you to take this week?

Where might God be challenging you to cross a “comfort zone” boundary for the sake of the gospel, as Peter and the Antioch believers did?