

The Book Of Acts | It's All Happening Exactly As God Said

Acts 11

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1| Read Acts 11:1-18

When Peter brought the news of Cornelius's conversion back to Jerusalem, the Jewish believers were shocked that Peter had eaten with gentiles.

Read Proverbs 18:17 and answer this question: Have I ever judged someone else's behavior without hearing the whole story? Notice also how detailed is Peter's recounting of the events that took place. Often when confronted in a situation where we know we're right, our first response is "I don't need to explain myself to you!" Discuss why it is actually important to explain ourselves in these situations.

2| Read Acts 11:19-26

Antioch is in modern day Turkey. Third largest city in Roman Empire. It became the base for missionaries. The city was dedicated to the Greek goddess Daphne, who had been seduced by the Greek god Apollo (Greek mythology). And it was one of the most immoral cities in the entire Roman Empire. Pastor Tom's takeaway was this: **God sets up shop in the worst neighborhoods.** Why is this true? What makes this true of 412 Church?

3| Notice that Barnabas encouraged them to continue with purpose of heart! It is the heart that is important it's a matter of the heart. The heart believes unto righteousness. We need a heart conversion. We confess with our mouth that Jesus is LORD and believe in our heart! Can you tell the difference between a Christian who lives with true purpose of heart and one who merely has head knowledge? Read Isaiah 29:13 & Matthew 15:8.

4| Has someone in your life given you great encouragement like Barnabas? Describe their character.

5| Read Acts 11:27-30

They didn't hear the word of prophecy about a drought and famine coming and say—now we better hoard everything, but they did trust God. When they saw a bleak future for their life on earth, they doubled down on storing their treasure in heaven. What can we do to do likewise?