

Sermon Discussion Questions

Speaker: Pastor Jonathan DiMego Topic: Acts Scripture – Acts 11:1-30

- Briefly summarize the main points of the sermon.
- What questions do you still have from today's sermon?
- Read Vv. 11:1-18
 - Who criticized Peter when he returned to Jerusalem, and what was their complaint? (vv. 2-3)
 - What happened while Peter was praying in Joppa? (vv. 5-10)
 - How did Peter know that God had accepted the Gentiles? (vv. 15-17)
 - What was the response of the Jewish believers after hearing Peter's explanation? (v. 18)
 - People often struggle to accept change, especially when it challenges long-held beliefs. What can help individuals be more open to God's work in unexpected ways?
 - Traditions and personal expectations can sometimes create barriers to embracing God's plans. How can people discern when to hold onto traditions and when to let them go for the sake of the gospel?
 - Have you ever struggled to accept something new that God was doing? How did you overcome it?
- Read Vv. 11:19-24
 - What caused the believers to scatter and spread the gospel? (v. 19)
 - To whom did some believers begin preaching in Antioch? (v. 20)
 - What was the result of their evangelism in Antioch? (v. 21)
 - How did Barnabas respond when he saw what was happening in Antioch? (vv. 22-23)
 - Encouragement plays a vital role in spiritual growth. What are practical ways people can encourage others in their faith?
 - The gospel spread beyond cultural boundaries in Antioch. How can communities today be intentional about sharing their faith beyond familiar or comfortable groups?
 - In what ways can you encourage new believers or those who are seeking Christ?
- Read Vv. 11:25-30
 - Why did Barnabas go to find Saul, and where did he take him? (vv. 25-26)
 - What name were the disciples first called in Antioch? (v. 26)
 - Who prophesied about a coming famine, and how did the church respond? (vv. 27-29)
 - Who was sent to deliver the relief offering to the elders in Jerusalem? (v. 30)
 - Generosity is a mark of a healthy church. What inspires people to give sacrificially to help others in need?
 - The believers in Antioch were identified as "Christians" because of how they lived. What characteristics make someone easily identifiable as a follower of Christ?
 - How can we as a group be generous and united in meeting the needs of others, both locally and globally?

