

The Heart of the Matter

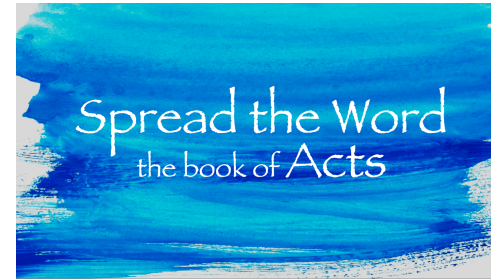
12. How does this account affect the way you might treat “unacceptable” people you meet?

13. The Scripture says that Jesus was a friend of sinners (Matthew 11:19). How might this passage help to change your heart in how you see others who don't know Christ?

14. What is the most amazing thing that the Holy Spirit has ever done in your life?

15. In Acts 11:26 those who had put their faith in Christ were first called Christians. What does it mean for you to be called a Christian?

Prayer Requests:



Life Group Study Guide

Growing Pains Acts 11:1-30 For the Week of May 30, 2021

Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?
2. What were some of the cliques that you encountered back when you were in school? Which clique did you secretly wish you were in? Which clique did you want to avoid?
3. What is the farthest from home you have ever been? Why were you there?

Digging Deeper

4. What complaint did the Jews have against Peter in verses 1-3?

5. Why was it important for Peter to explain the whole situation to the Jews in Jerusalem so thoroughly in verses 4-17? Through what action had God declared Gentiles clean or accepted by God on the same basis as the Jews.

6. Of what importance is the gift of the Holy Spirit in Peter's account of what happened in Caesarea? Why would this have such a strong effect on the Jerusalem believers?

7. Why do you think God chose Peter to be the first to preach the gospel in Jerusalem in Acts 2 and then take the gospel to the Gentiles in Caesarea? (Matthew 16:17-19)

8. How would you explain the change in attitudes from verse 2 to verse 18? How does this account show us how we should receive each other with all of our cultural differences?

9. Antioch was the third largest city in the Roman empire. What might the apostles be thinking as they hear that the gospel is taking root there?

10. What more do we learn about Barnabus in this passage (V22-26; 4:36-37)? What were at least two wonderful results from Barnabus' work at Antioch?

11. Why did Barnabus choose Saul to help him in his work in Antioch? (9:27-28)