

Family Discipleship Resource

Feb 22-28

(Acts 11:1-18)



G – Gather for Prayer

Father,

Thank you for bringing me into your family. Help me to embrace your mission, wherever and whenever it calls me toward others.

In Jesus' Name, Amen

R – Read the Text (Acts 11:1-18)

“Now the apostles and the brethren who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. ² And when Peter came up to Jerusalem, those who were circumcised took issue with him, ³ saying, “You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them.” ⁴ But Peter began speaking and proceeded to explain to them in orderly sequence, saying, ⁵ “I was in the city of Joppa praying; and in a trance I saw a vision, an object coming down like a great sheet lowered by four corners from the sky; and it came right down to me, ⁶ and when I had fixed my gaze on it and was observing it I saw the four-footed animals of the earth and the wild beasts and the crawling creatures and the birds of the air. ⁷ I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ ⁸ But I said, ‘By no means, Lord, for nothing ^uunholy or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ ⁹ But a voice from heaven answered a second time, ‘What God has cleansed, no longer consider unholy.’ ¹⁰ This happened three times, and everything was drawn back up into the sky. ¹¹ And behold, at that moment three men appeared at the house in which we were staying, having been sent to me from Caesarea. ¹² The Spirit told me to go with them without misgivings. These six brethren also went with me and we entered the man’s house. ¹³ And he reported to us how he had seen the angel standing in his house, and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and have Simon, who is also called Peter, brought here; ¹⁴ and he will speak words to you by which you will be saved, you and all your household.’ ¹⁵ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as He did upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶ And I remembered the word of the Lord, how He used to say, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ ¹⁷ Therefore if God gave to them the same gift as He gave to us also after believing in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God’s way?” ¹⁸ When they heard this, they quieted down and glorified God, saying, “Well then, God has granted to the Gentiles also the repentance that leads to life.”

O – Observe what God has said

What do you suppose were the most shocking elements of what Peter reveals in his account?

What evidence/confirmation does Peter give in these verse that God has been at work?

Which of these confirmation is most important and why?

W – Work on Application

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May we be found excited and celebrating when God's family grows. I don't want to be skeptical and hesitant to embrace where God is clearly at work. Confirmation can be obtained—through history, through God's Word, and under Godly leadership—and once such confirmation is given, enthusiastic participation ought to ensue.

How might you reinvigorate your excitement for what God is doing in the life of his church?

How might we encourage such excitement from those around us?

Family Weekly Memory Verse: *"When they heard this, they quieted down and glorified God, saying, 'Well then, God has granted to the Gentiles also the repentance that leads to life.'" Acts 11:18*