

# The Book of Acts

## Study Guide and Discussion Questions

### Week 12

#### Chapters 11: The Gospel Goes Forth

**1. Last time we learned about how the Holy Spirit fell upon the household of a Roman centurion and his entire household was saved and baptized. This news spread back to Judea – to the circumcised – meaning the Jews. They questioned Peter. How did Peter respond? See verse 11:1-17**

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**2. How do the Jews respond to Peter’s report? Why is this important?**

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**3. In verse 19 we see that the believers who were scattered due to the persecution that came upon Jerusalem, were preaching only to other Jews even though they were in gentile regions. But then what happens?**

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**4. What happens when news of this gets to Jerusalem? Why?**

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**5. Notice that after Barnabus brings Paul back, they stay an entire year. Why? To do what?**

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**6. Here was a brand new baby church in Antioch that needed discipleship, teaching, encouragement and stability. To stabilize this new church takes more than a few bible studies and great preaching. It requires discipleship. Just like Jesus disciplined his followers before his return to heaven, these new believers need the same kind of mentoring. This is model for the modern church as well as the church in Antioch. What does it mean to be disciplined? How is this different than attending a weekly bible study?**

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**7. What does the word Christian mean?**

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**8. A prophet stands up and declares there will be a famine. What is a prophet?**

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**9. How do the believers respond? Do we see that among the churches ( body of believers) today? Why or why not?**

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**10. Chapter 12 – Herod rises up against the believers and kills James the brother of John. This was one of the two brothers Zebedee. The sons of thunder. John was the disciple who was called “most beloved” by Jesus. Why would the Jews be pleased with this?**

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**11. Peter is seized when? What are they celebrating?**

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**12. He is locked up in prison and set between 2 guards and what happens? How does he escape?**

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**13. He goes to the mother of John Mark – the same one who will write the Gospel of Mark. And what do they think?**

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**14. Notice what Herod does to the guard. What does this say about him as a ruler?**

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**15. Herod meets his end. And What of it? This is not just a disease but so much more. A death befitting one who made an enemy of the Lord. What is significant about the manner in which he died?**

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**16. This chapter ends on a good note. How so? See verse 12:24**

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