

STUDY GUIDE

Acts 11:1-30

“The Church God Blesses”

- 1) Why do we have a mission statement for our church? What does our mission statement tell us to do?
Discuss the things that distract us from fulfilling our mission statement.

- 2) How come churches drift away from their mission as the church grows older? Discuss distractions that could cause mission drift in the church.

- 3) God’s Word called us to “*accept people whom God accepts.*” What does this mean? How come that is so difficult for us to do? How does our struggle with *accepting people whom God accepts* affect our mission?

- 4) Why would God pick a such a morally corrupt city like Antioch to be the center for propagating the Great Commission? What are the barriers and the opportunities for the gospel in the community we live in?

- 5) Read Acts 11:22-26 and discuss how Barnabas was a source of encouragement and discipleship.

- 6) What does it say about a church when it responds to a need with spontaneous, generous giving?

- 7) Discuss the meaning and implications (personally and for the church) of the following verse:

*And the hand of the Lord was with them,
and a great number who believed turned to the Lord.
Acts 11:21*