

## **Bible Study for May 9-15, 2022**

**Read:** Acts 11:1-18

### **Notes:**

In defense of his earlier baptism of non-Jewish believers, Peter demonstrates to the members of the Jerusalem church that God's intention to love Gentiles as well as Jews is revealed in Jesus' testimony. In this way the mission to the Gentiles is officially authorized.

### **Questions to Ponder:**

Who were "the wrong crowd" to hang out with when you were in school? Did you anyway? Why?

Do you change your mind very easily? Explain.

Why do you think there was opposition to Peter's position?

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

Why do you think God chose Peter to be the first to go to the Gentiles? Would any other disciple have been as successful in Jerusalem? Why or why not?

How can this story affect the way you treat "unacceptable" people you meet?

What might have happened if the early church denied this new way of thinking about "others" which God taught Peter?