**IMPACT BIBLE STUDY**

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

**ACTS – LESSON 11**

**Acts 11:1-30**

1. What new things did God show you in last week’s lesson/lecture?

2. a. Why were the circumcised believers critical of Peter?

 b. Share some circumstance when believers might be criticized for their association with others.

 c. What examples of bigotry did Jesus experience in these Scriptures:

 Mark 9:38

 Mark 10:13

 Luke 19:7

3. According to Acts 11:4-10, how did Peter respond to their criticism?

4. a. Peter further explained he went to deliver the message of salvation. What happened to the Gentiles when Peter began to speak the message according to verse 15?

 b. Think of the conversion experience of someone you know. What did you notice most about changes in them?

5. a. What words of Jesus did Peter recall?

 b. What did we learn about the Holy Spirit promise in Acts 2:39?

 c. According to Matthew 3:11 and Mark 1:7, 8, Jesus is the one who baptizes believers with the Holy Spirit. Why do we need this baptism according to:

 Acts 1:8

 1 Corinthians 2:12

 1 Corinthians 12:12-13

 Galatians 5:22-23

 d. Write a sentence of praise to God in thanks for this “gift.”

6. After the brethren and apostles heard the truth, what was their reply?

7. a. Verse 19 says the disciples and apostles were “scattered” after Stephen’s death. Where were the believers bold enough to preach to the Greeks and what happened?

 b. Do you know someone who has come to know Jesus because of a “scattering” (job transfer, tragedy, etc.)? Please share.

8. a. News of the Gentile response reached Jerusalem and they sent \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to Antioch. He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ them to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts.

 b. Describe Barnabas from verses 22-24.

 c. Share qualities you think Christians have that make them attractive and draw people to the Lord.

9. a. Excited by the potential in Antioch, what did Barnabas do?

 b. How do you think Paul (Saul) . . .

 . . . felt when Barnabas wanted him to minister to Antioch?

 . . . grew personally during this year at Antioch?

 . . . felt knowing this call to minister to the Gentiles was what Jesus had called him to do?

10. a. The disciples were called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ first in Antioch.

 b. Are you proud to bear that name? Why?

11. a. The prophet from Jerusalem, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, said there would come what?

 b. When was that prophecy fulfilled?

 c. (IN-DEPTH) Think of other examples of famine in the Scripture. How did the people prepare for it or react to it?

12. a. How did the church at Antioch decide to help?

 b. Identify a need in the church today. What can your congregation do to meet that need?

13. a. The disciples gave “each according to his ability.” Read David’s prayer in 1 Chronicles 29:10-14. How was David able to give generously?

 b. Write your favorite phrase from that passage of Scripture.