

GROWING IN FAITH



Acts 11

“As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning. Then I remembered what the Lord had said: ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ So if God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could stand in God’s way?” When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, “So then, even to Gentiles God has granted repentance that leads to life.”

Acts 11: 15-18

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GOING DEEPER

Verses 1-18

This is essentially a recount of the previous chapter. Why do you think Luke repeats stories like this?

The Church flourishes under persecution

It appears that the gospel spreads and strengthens as a result of persecution. Antioch will be a major church center.

Is persecution necessary to the growth and strength of the Church?

Where do you see the Church growing/spreading in the world? Is there a correlation with persecution?

What does it mean to be a Christian?

What does the term, coined in Antioch, mean?

What are some attributes? (E.g. verses 23-24, 29)