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Read this week's scripture and answer the questions below. As you read, consider how these verses fit into what you are seeing or experiencing today. Prepare to share with your small group anything that jumped out at you, confused you, encouraged you, challenged or convicted you.

1. Read all of Acts 11. Notice that this chapter repeats much of chapter 10. Why do think Luke, the author of Acts, would repeat himself. What doesn't he want us to miss? Let the insights these questions bring lead you to prayer.
2. Read verses 1-3. Peter faces criticism for gathering/eating with Gentiles, outsiders. Who are the outsiders in your life? Do you engage them or avoid them. The gospel calls us to seek and save the lost. Let this challenge lead you to prayer today.
3. Spend time in verses 4-9. Peter explains his vision. The Lord calls on Peter to reconsider, to let go of a long held practice, a tradition he has always clung to tightly. Is the Lord challenging you to reconsider? To let go? Go to prayer today; ask the Lord to shake you up.
4. Consider verses 11-16. As soon as Peter receives and obeys the Lord's vision, he is led to Cornelius' house and the Holy Spirit falls on a whole new group of believers. Consider the relationship between one disciple's obedience and the movement of the gospel. What implications does this two-step movement hold for us? Let these thoughts lead you to prayer today.
5. Rest in verses 17-18. Peter gets out of the way. Salvation comes to many. God gets the glory. Which piece of this story resonates with you? Let these thoughts lead you to prayer, and let prayer lead you to action.
6. Read and think on verses 19-21. Persecution scatter the word, then a willingness to share the gospel with outsiders spreads it all the more. How might this story call us to reconsider persecution? How might it call us to reconsider those who have not yet met the risen Christ? Get praying; get going.
7. Spend time in verses 22-30. Barnabas does what Barnabas does: obeys, encourages, includes. Paul does what Paul does: obeys, preaches. The church does what it does: obeys, responds, and bears one another's burden. Let these examples speak to you. Go to prayer. What would the Lord have you do?

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Notes/Prayer Request

Acts 11:20

But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Hellenists also, preaching the Lord Jesus..