

## Bible Study 15 – The church in Antioch – Acts 11:19-30

*We now begin the next phase of the spread of the gospel (Acts 1:8). So far it has gone to “Jerusalem” (Ch 1-7), “Judea” and Samaria” (8-10). Now it goes to “the ends of the earth” (11-28) including Antioch in Syria, Asia Minor (now Turkey), Greece, and Rome. - Napoleon Bonaparte didn’t have a professional army like those before him. Instead, he turned the entire French nation into a military machine. Every citizen was either on the front lines or supporting the front lines. Now we see that every single person in the church is a part of the mission.*

<b>The context</b>	Acts describes the spread of Christianity across the Roman Empire. The early believers shared their possessions with the needy, but Ananias and Sapphira died because they lied to God. Despite persecution, the apostles kept preaching the gospel and appointed deacons to distribute food. Stephen was martyred because of his faith. And an Ethiopian & Saul were converted. Then the gospel went to the Gentiles when Cornelius was saved.
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### ***PART 1 Read & then write each section in your own words – Acts 11:19-30***

Evangelism (v. 19-21)	
Encouragement (v. 22-24)	
Teaching (v. 25-26)	
Generosity (v. 27-30)	

### ***PART 2 Things I discovered in this passage***

***1. What does it teach about God, Jesus or the Holy Spirit?***

***2. What does it teach about people?***

***3. Summarize a key verse in your own words.***

***4. In your opinion, what is the main point being taught in these passages?***

***5. Which other parts of the passages caught your attention?***

***6. The word “Christian” means “belonging to Christ” or “a follower of Christ” (v.26). What do you think they were doing to deserve this name?***

***7. Which parts of the passage were difficult to understand? What questions come to your mind?***

The first largely Gentile church was established at Antioch in Syria through the witnessing of believers who left Jerusalem because of persecution. They were taught about the Christian faith and they supported the church in Jerusalem during a famine.



## Obey

Since God's word is true, what must I change in my life to obey God?  
What must I do to obey?

I will
I will
I will

Questions to help me apply this study to myself

- Is there a *SIN* for me to avoid?
- Is there a *PROMISE* from God for me to claim?
- Is there an *EXAMPLE* for me to follow?
- Is there a *COMMANDMENT* or *MODEL* for me to follow?

## Share

Who will I tell about this Bible passage?

## Prayer

**Date:**

One thing you are thankful for.

One thing that's bothering you or causing stress.

Is there anything this group can do to help you?

Person	Prayer points

**Who needs help?** What can we do to help over the next two weeks?

Person	How will I help them?

