

Book Study #10

ACTS

Acts 11:1-12:19

Peter Explains His Actions - The Church in Antioch - Peter's Miraculous Escape From Prison

Before we begin this journey...

1. What is one family tradition you want to keep at all costs?
2. If those who know you best were discussing your character, what do you think they would say was one of your strengths?
3. What is one dream you remember as having been very vivid?

Do Some Research and Mapping...

4. Why did the circumcised believers imply that it was wrong for Peter to eat with Gentiles? (11:3)
5. How did Peter explain his actions? (11:4-17)
6. How did Peter dispel the idea that the Gentiles were second-class citizens? (11:15-17)
7. What was one of the results of Stephen's martyrdom? (11:19)
8. Who was receiving the good news and who spoke to the Greeks in Antioch about Jesus? (11:19-20)
9. What is going on here? (11:21-24) What is so special about Barnabas?
10. Where were the disciples first called Christians? (11:26)
11. Explain what was going on in these verses: (11:27-30)
12. What did the king plan to do with Peter after the Passover? Why? (12:3-4)
13. What happened on the night before Peter's trial? (12:6-11)
14. When did Peter know that what he had experienced was real? (12:11)

Sort, Organize, Discuss, Understand...

15. In what ways do we need to be less like the "circumcised believers" in our approach to others?
16. How can you be more accepting of those who don't match your values or life-style?
17. What is the lesson we can learn regarding Stephen's death?
18. Which "label" are you most comfortable with: follower, disciple, saint, believer, or Christian? Why?
19. How can a church use prayer when faced with a crisis?
20. What can we learn from the way Peter handled his situation?



Application for this week...

21. How can you open your heart and mind to others whom you tend to dislike?
22. What can you do to enlarge the circle of people to whom you reach out?
23. What do you want to do the next time you suffer for your faith?



A prayer for your journey... "Lord Jesus, as I walk through this coming week, help me prepare for my journey by reading my Bible more regularly, seeking help as I need it from my Christian friends and focusing on the needs of others instead of myself. Help me to demonstrate my faith by stepping into the unknown, untried, and untested areas of my life." -Amen



Reflection

yourself a break and list
few good characteristics
that help you lead or work
others...

helping me, I will...
