**I. THE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.** Acts 11:1-3

Judaizers (the first Christian legalists) expected Gentile converts to accept fully the covenant requirements.

**II**. **THE BIG \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.** Acts 11:4-17; Gal 3:28

Peter’s message to the Gentile house of Cornelius was repeated from chapter 10, almost word for word.

**III. A MIRACULOUS \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.** Acts 11:18

**IV. THE QUEEN OF THE WEST.** Acts 11:19-20

Antioch was the home of some who had fled persecution in Jerusalem. Antioch was a *religious amalgam*, filled with many **pagan temples**.

**V. GATHERING \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.** Acts 11:21

The mission picked up energy and increased in momentum! Pagans and ex-pagans surrounded them!

**VI. BARNABAS’ FIRST \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.** Acts 11:22-26a

Barnabas was the right man for the job. He lived up to the meaning of his name.

 1. He **affirmed God was at work**. 11:33

 2. He **participated in evangelism**. 11:24

 3. He **linked up with Paul**. 11:25-26

 4. He **spent a year discipling**. 11:26

**VII. WHAT’S IN A \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?** Acts 11:26b

1. They were **willing to share Jesus** with others, 11:20.

2. They were **unified**, even though they were diverse.

3. They were **eager to learn** and willing to pursue spiritual growth, 11:26.

4. They **responded generously** to the needs of their fellow Christians. 11:28-30

**VIII. GENTILES \_\_\_\_\_ THE JEWISH CONVERTS!**

Acts 11:27-30

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**CONC:**

A. **Cornelius was key** to a lesson God taught Peter about prejudice. Acts 10:1-20

 B. **The filling of the Holy Spirit** is available to Jewish and Gentile converts alike. Acts 10:21-48

 C. Peter was challenged by Jewish Christians who questioned his **eating and lodging** with *unclean* Gentiles. Acts 11:1-18

 D. Antioch became a hotbed for evangelism, resulting in Gentiles and Jews **worshipping together**. Acts 11:18-21

 E. Barnabas and Paul spent a year **discipling** the new converts. Acts 11:22-30

Next week:

*“Peter-the Jailbird”*

*Ans: Concern; Picture; Acceptance; Momentum; Mission; Name; Aid.*