

# **HISTORY OF THE EARLY CHURCH**

## **WEEK 11**

### **VISION AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

Acts 11:1-4 Soon the news reached the apostles and other believers in Judea that the Gentiles had received the word of God. 2 But when Peter arrived back in Jerusalem, the Jewish believers criticized him. 3 “You entered the home of Gentiles and even ate with them!” they said. 4 Then Peter told them exactly what had happened. NLT

Acts 11:18 When the others heard this, they stopped objecting and began praising God. They said, “We can see that God has also given the Gentiles the privilege of repenting of their sins and receiving eternal life.” NLT

### **WHY WERE THERE OBJECTIONS?**

### **WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE?**

### **WHAT WAS MISSING IN VERSE 18?**

### **THE SECOND GENERATION ACTIVATED**

Acts 11:19-24 Meanwhile, the believers who had been scattered during the persecution after Stephen’s death traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch of Syria. They preached the word of God, but only to Jews. 20 However, some of the believers who went to Antioch from Cyprus and Cyrene began preaching to the Gentiles about the Lord Jesus. 21 The power of the Lord was with them, and a large number of these Gentiles believed and turned to the Lord. 22 When the church at Jerusalem heard what had happened, they sent Barnabas to Antioch. 23 When he arrived and saw this evidence of God’s blessing, he was filled with joy, and he encouraged the believers to stay true to the Lord. 24 Barnabas was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and strong in faith. And many people were brought to the Lord.

### **WHAT IS THE PRINCIPLE OF DISPERSION?**

### **WHAT WAS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF ANTIOCH?**