

Growing Together under Jesus

Acts 11:1-18

What are some things we _____?
What are some things we _____ (or debate or argue)?
When might we get the two _____?
What should we do as a church as we work out our _____?

Cultural Setting

Jewish people wanted to maintain their _____ from the nations
Jewish people didn't like or trust _____

Summary of Acts 10:1-11:18

Cornelius: Not welcomed by _____
Angel said: "Send for _____"
Simon Peter: Avoided _____
Angel said: "Go to _____"
Peter told the story of Jesus as _____ and _____
The Holy Spirit _____ on Cornelius & household

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1-3: People hear about Peter going to Gentiles, & they _____

Gentiles _____ the Gospel was big news!
Closer to Jerusalem = more careful about _____

4-10: Vision: Don't call _____ what God has made _____

Peter told an " _____ " account that was designed to help his hearers
Ending the Old Testament ritual laws was _____ idea, not _____

His goal is to help them _____ what he believes,
not merely to _____ to his authority

11-12: Command: Go without _____ ('criticism')

Perfect timing is seen as God's _____
Going to the Gentiles was _____ idea, not _____

13-14: God's preparation of the _____

God told Cornelius to expect _____ for **all** who were with him
Speaking the Good News to bring salvation was _____ idea, not _____

15-17: God's gift of the Holy Spirit to the _____

Giving the same gift of the same _____ in the same way to the Gentiles was _____ idea not _____
Never oppose _____!

18: Those who criticized stop objecting & _____ !

They genuinely reached this conclusion in _____
God gives _____ that brings life to each one who believes,
of _____ people

The Big Idea:

**Jesus is the _____ of His church
and the Spirit is the _____ of His church
and He works through _____ and all of the _____
who all have to _____ and _____ together**

Acts 1:8; Matthew 16:15-19

Application:

Be _____ & Have _____

Jesus is the _____ of the church. It belongs to Him.

Humans are _____ under the head (Jesus)

He decides who is _____: the same Gospel for everyone

Jesus is the _____ of the church

Even the greatest powers of _____ cannot stop it!

_____ : rightly see myself and my relative (un) _____

_____ : _____ will protect and build His church for His glory!

_____ (learn) the work of Jesus together

Revelation: What God has _____

The _____ is the final authority for the church

Experience: What God is _____

God works in and through _____

Yet He never contradicts the _____

Listening: What God is _____ through the Holy Spirit

Yet He never contradicts the _____

Together

"The _____ is the highest governing authority under Christ for the local church." (Evangelical Free Church)

So we _____ & _____ the Bible together

We _____ & _____ together

We _____ & _____, and listen to God and each other together

Reflection Questions

- What can take away our peace as a church? What brings peace?
- What does true humility look like? What makes it beautiful?
- What does it look like to discern (learn) together? This can apply in the church, in a Life Group, in a friend, in families, and so on?