

A Change of Perspective

Acts 11

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Forging Forward

Reflect

Outline: Recap

Realize

Points to Ponder

Respond

Questions to draw out understanding.

REFLECT

One beautiful thing about the body of Christ is that we are diverse! Each and every one of us have grown up with different worldviews, perspectives, and concepts that impact who we are as individuals and how we view our circumstances. Though we all have differing perspectives of what we believe is normal, today's message will show us that if we aren't viewing things through the lens of Christ, it can actually hinder our relationship with Jesus and with others. May this message encourage you to see everything through the finished work of the cross, understanding that the goal is not to do this perfectly but purposefully.

REALIZE

1. Don't Get Caught Up in the Method.

- **Scripture Reference;** Acts 11; Luke 15:2
- **Questions for Reflection**
 - Share a time when your personal preferences challenged your ability to see the work that God was doing in your life?

2. God's Grace Is for Everyone.

- **Scripture Reference;** Acts 11; Isaiah 49:6; 1 Timothy 2:5-6
- **Questions for Reflection**
 - Who is God wanting you to extend His grace and love to? Share with your small group how you can be intentional to take a step of faith towards that person this week.

3. Let the Mission of Jesus Move You Forward.

- **Scripture Reference;** Acts 11; Matthew 28:18-20
- **Questions for Reflection**
 - God wants to use you on His mission right where you are. How is the Holy Spirit asking you to simply respond to Jesus and boldly obey?

Optional Follow-up Questions:

- What makes you say that?
- How do you feel about that?
- How would you explain your answer to a non-Christian friend or neighbor?
- Why did God design it to work that way? Why not just do (whatever else) instead?
- What would you say to someone who disagrees with that?
- Why do we really have to do it like that? Why can't we just go (some other route) instead?