# Understand your Bible Suggested notes

## Acts 11

#### What we will see in this chapter:

- Peter told the believers at Jerusalem the significance of the conversion of Cornelius
- What happened as a result of the stoning of Stephen
- The gospel message spreads

### **1** Read the chapter

**2 Questions** to help us in our understanding of this chapter. Look at the chapter verses in your Bible and use the questions to help you make your notes.

Chapter verses	Questions (to help with your notes)	Suggested notes
1 to 3	1. What was Peter accused of doing and who by?	Peter was criticised by the Jewish believers for eating with Gentiles (non-Jews).
4 to 10	2. What did Peter say happened to him at Joppa?	He told them that he had a vision inviting him to eat unclean animals. Three times a voice told him not to call something unclean that God had cleansed.
11 to 18	3. What did he say happened at Caesarea as he began to speak, and how did his accusers react?	He said that the Holy Spirit came on his audience in the same way that it had on them earlier. His accusers then glorified God and agreed that non-Jews could be saved.
19 to 26	4. What happened in Antioch as a result of the persecution?	Oppression made believers travel further afield to preach, at first to Jews, but then to non-Jews as well. Barnabas was sent to help the growing church in Antioch. He then fetched Saul from Tarsus to help.
27 to 30	5. What did Agabus predict would happen soon and how did the disciples respond?	Agabus predicted a worldwide famine. Disciples showed compassion by sending relief to their fellow believers in Judea.

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### **3** Related theme from v 18: God's people include both Jews and non-Jews.

Have a look at these related verses and see this theme running through the Bible. Make a note of the main point(s) in the verse(s).

Verse(s)	Main point(s)
Genesis 12 v 3	The promise God makes to Abraham tells us that all nations can be
Genesis 22 v 17 and 18	involved through him and his offspring.
Psalms 117 v 1 and 2	God's lovingkindness is great towards all nations.
Romans 1 v 16	The apostle Paul says that the Good News of Christ is available to all.
Galatians 3 v 7 to 9	All nations can be blessed through Abraham.