**THE ANTIOCH CHURCH**

Acts 11:1-30

Key Verse: 11:26c

1.      Read verses 1-3. Why did the Jewish believers criticize Peter? What does this tell us about the church?

2.      Read verses 4-10. What had Peter seen and heard? Read verses 11-18. What was the key point of Peter’s explanation? How did the Jerusalem Christians respond?

3.      Read verses 19-21. How did the gospel spread? What was different about the work of God in Antioch? What does this teach us about God?

4.      Read verses 22-24. Who was Barnabas? (4:36,37; 9:27) Why did he go to Antioch? How did he build up the church there?

5.      Read verses 25-26. Why did Barnabas go to get Saul? How did Barnabas and Saul strengthen the church in Antioch? Why were they called “Christians”?

6.   Read verses 27-30. When a severe famine spread over the entire Roman world, what did the disciples in Antioch do? (2Co 8:5,9; Ac 20:35) What can we learn from the church in Antioch? In what ways was the Antioch church well-fitted to be a world mission church?