

SERMON NOTES

Acts 11

Good Maps Take You To Good Places

Acts 11:1-18

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Acts 11:1-18 (NLT) 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. 5 "I was in the town of Joppa," he said, "and while I was praying, I went into a trance and saw a vision. Something like a large sheet was let down by its four corners from the sky. And it came right down to me. 6 When I looked inside the sheet, I saw all sorts of small animals, wild animals, reptiles, and birds. 7 And I heard a voice say, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat them.' 8 "'No, Lord,' I replied. 'I have never eaten anything that our Jewish laws have declared impure or unclean.' 9 "But the voice from heaven spoke again: 'Do not call something unclean if God has made it clean.' 10 This happened three times before the sheet and all it contained was pulled back up to heaven. 11 "Just then three men who had been sent from Caesarea arrived at the house where we were staying. 12 The Holy Spirit told me to go with them and not to worry that they were Gentiles. These six brothers here accompanied me, and we soon entered the home of the man who had sent for us. 13 He told us how an angel had appeared to him in his home and had told him, 'Send messengers to Joppa, and summon a man named Simon Peter. 14 He will tell you how you and everyone in your household can be saved!' 15 "As I began to speak," Peter continued, "the Holy Spirit fell on them, just as he fell on us at the beginning. 16 Then I thought of the Lord's words when he said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' 17 And since God gave these Gentiles the same gift he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to stand in God's way?" 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."

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Psalm 43:3 (MSG) Give me your lantern and compass, give me a map, So I can find my way to the sacred mountain, to the
place of your presence,
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Psalm 119:19 (TLB) I am but a pilgrim here on earth: how I need a map—and your commands are my chart and guide.
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1 Kings 2:3 (MSG) Do what GOD tells you. Walk in the paths he shows you: Follow the life-map absolutely, keep an eye
out for the signposts, his course for life set out in the revelation to Moses; then you'll get on well in whatever you do and
wherever vou ao.

Answers

- 1. Presence
- 2. Precepts
- 3. Promise