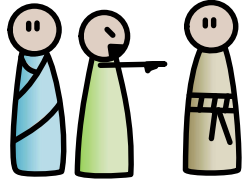


Acts 11:1-18

Peter's Report to Jerusalem

1-3 The Jews react with skepticism

Who –



What they heard – the Gentiles had received the word of God; this is welcoming the gospel message into one's heart. The same phrase "receive the word" is used of the rocky soil in **Luke 8:13**.

When –

Accusation –

4-17 Peter recounts the conversion of Cornelius



18 The Jewish believers accept God's work

Descriptions of Conversion/Salvation in Acts 10-11

Acts 10:35 but in every nation the man who fears Him and does what is right is welcome to Him.

Acts 10:36 "The word which He sent to the sons of Israel, preaching peace through Jesus Christ (He is Lord of all)"

Acts 10:43 "Of Him all the prophets bear witness that through His name everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins."

Acts 11:18 When they heard this, they quieted down and glorified God, saying, "Well then, God has granted to the Gentiles also the repentance that leads to life."

What is lacking in these statements:

Any specific list of _____

Reference to human _____ of any kind

Any formulaic statement of _____

What is included in these statements:

Action: (10:43, 11:17)

Action: (11:18)

Result: (10:43)

Result: (11:18)

Food for Thought

- What God had declared to be clean is, in fact, _____.
- The Spirit is the fundamental _____ of the new era.
- _____ with other believers is critically important.