

Acts: Be The Church

“The Penetrating Church”

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Acts 11:1-30

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I. The Unfinished Cliffhanger (vs. 1-16)

- A. Dealing with Criticism (vs. 1-4; Proverbs 15:32; Romans 14:16)
- B. Determining the Criteria (vs. 4; John 8:32)
- C. Developing the Connections (vs. 15-16)

II. The Uncommon Characteristics (vs. 17-18)

- A. Old vs. New (2 Corinthians 5:17)
- B. Separate vs. Together (Psalm 34:3)
- C. Disagree vs. Agree (Romans 12:1-2 NLT)

III. The Unlimited Connections (vs. 19-30)

- A. Scattering leads to Salvations (vs. 19-21)
- B. Demonstrations of Discipleship (vs. 22-26)
- C. Opportunities for Ministry (vs. 27-30)

IV. The Unchanging Certainty (Numbers 23:19; Romans 11:29)

- A. God Desires Salvation for All People
- B. Everywhere We Go We Should Take the Gospel
- C. Opportunities Abound to Grow as Disciples (Revelation 3:20; Romans 10:9-10; John 1:12)

Application:

- What will it mean for the church to be penetrating?
- How can you be part of such a penetrating church?
- Have you been discipled? Do you want to be?
- Who can you help disciple?