

Lesson Plan: The Council and Paul's Missionary Journeys

Month: September

Week 1: A Vision of Inclusion (Acts 11:1-18)

Objective: Understand the significance of Peter's vision and the acceptance of Gentiles into the Christian faith.

Activities:

- Read Acts 11:1-18

Literal Questions:

1. What was the content of Peter's vision in Acts 11:5-10?
2. How did the Jewish believers react to Peter's actions regarding the Gentiles?
3. What command did the Holy Spirit give Peter in Acts 11:12?

Reflective Questions:

1. Why do you think Peter struggled to accept the vision at first?
2. How can we apply the message of inclusivity from this chapter in our own community?
3. In what ways can we be open to accepting those who are different from us in faith and practice?

Week 2: The Church Grows (Acts 11:19-30)

Objective: Recognize the growth of the early church and the importance of community support.

Activities:

- Read Acts 11:19-30

Literal Questions:

1. What actions did the believers take when they spread the word of God to the Gentiles?
2. Who was sent to Antioch to encourage the new believers, and what was his role?
3. What did the prophets predict about the famine in Acts 11:28?

Reflective Questions:

1. How does the growth of the church in Antioch inspire our own church's mission?
2. In what ways can we support one another in our faith journeys, similar to how the church in Antioch did?
3. What does this passage teach us about preparing for challenges in our lives as a community?

Week 3: The Power of Prayer (Acts 12:1-19)

Objective: Explore the power of prayer and God's deliverance.

Activities:

- Read Acts 12:1-19

Literal Questions:

1. Who was imprisoned by King Herod, and what actions did the church take in response?
2. Describe the miraculous event that occurred during Peter's imprisonment.
3. How did the guards react when they discovered Peter was missing?

Reflective Questions:

1. What does Peter's escape tell us about the power of prayer and faith?
2. How can we respond to difficult situations in our lives based on the example of the early church praying for Peter?
3. In what ways do we see God working in our lives that might seem miraculous to others?

Week 4: Family Feud review of Acts 9-12:19

Objective: Review acts 9-12:19 with a little friendly competition.

