

# *Insights into The Book of Acts*

## **(Chapters 9-12)**

### **A. The Conversion of Saul (9:1-30).**

1. *Saul (later known as Paul) sees the Lord (9:1-9)*
2. *Ananias Ministers (9:10-19a)*
3. *Saul Proclaims Jesus as the Messiah (9:19b-30)*

### **B. The Ministry of Peter (9:32-11:18)**

1. *Peter in Lydda: A man healed (9:32-35)*
2. *Peter in Joppa: A woman healed (9:36-43)*

### **C. Salvation of the Gentiles (10-11)**

1. *Cornelius' Vision (10:1-8)*
2. *Peter's Vision (10:9-16)*
3. *Peter Goes with the Men from Cornelius (10:17-22)*
4. *The Gentiles Receive the Holy Spirit (10:23-48)*
5. *Peter Defends Himself Before the Jerusalem Church (11:1-18)*

### **D. The Church at Antioch: A New Center of Operations (11:19-30)**

1. *The Church established (11:19-21)*
2. *The Church Sanctioned by Jerusalem (11:22-24)*
3. *Barnabas Brings Saul Back to Antioch (11:25, 26)*
4. *The Unity in the Church: Antioch to Help Jerusalem (11:27-30)*

## **E. God Continues to Protect Jerusalem Church (12)**

1. *James Put to Death (12:1, 2)*
2. *Peter Delivered (12:3-17)*
3. *Herod Put to Death (12:18-21)*

## **F. A Summary Report (12:24, 25)**

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. Think about Saul (Paul). How would you feel if you faced a 'new believer' who has been after your life or in the past he harmed someone dear to you?
2. What kind of man was Cornelius? Is being good **enough** to have eternal life?
3. Why did Peter know what his dream meant, after he visited the home of Cornelius?
4. What criticism was raised against Peter?
5. Do others think of you as a Christian? If so, what do you think convinces them?
6. Why did Herod Agrippa persecute the church?

**"Lord, thank you for your incredible love and the good news of salvation. Please help me to follow the examples set by Jesus and the apostles. Enable me to practice, proclaim, and share the love you have given me in Jesus' name. Amen."**