



SMALL GROUP GUIDE

THE FIRST CHRISTIANS

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Luke, the author of Acts, says in Acts 11:19-30 that the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch. Undoubtedly, he is telling us something important here. What is a Christian, and what are the distinguishing marks of the Church of Jesus?

Read & Discuss Acts 11:19-30.

- How might Christians be best defined by non-Christians in our society today?
- What are the distinguishing marks of the early church in Acts 11:19-30?
- Do you see these marks in your life or the life of our church today? What are examples of marks the church you see and don't see?
- What's unique about the make-up of the people in this picture of the early church (Acts 11:19-21)? What does it say about the relationship of the gospel to culture?
- What does this passage say about the importance of teaching as a means of spiritual maturity (Acts 11:23-26)? (see also Acts 14:21-22; 18:11,23; 19:8-10)
- What kind of growth is being demonstrated here by the new believers in the church at Antioch (Acts 11:29)?

Pray Together

Holy Spirit, help me experience an even greater transformation in my life today.