**Session Five – Book of Acts Chapters 9, 10 and 11**

Chapter 9

* The Conversion of St. Paul
* Tabitha Raised from the Dead by Peter

Chapter 10

* Vison of Peter
* Vision of Cornelius
* Gentile Pentecost

**Chapter 9 - The Conversion of St. Paul**

**Why was Saul so Upset with the Christians?**

* They were the enemy of Judaism and declaring the Law of Moses was no longer in effect.
* Temple was no longer necessary.
* The High Priest was no longer necessary.
* Circumcision was no longer necessary.
* The 7 Great Feasts of Israel were no longer necessary. (Passover, Pentecost, Yom Kippur, etc.)
* The Sabbath was no longer necessary.
* Everything Paul had anchored his life to was now set adrift.

**Main Events of His Conversion:**

* Road to Damascus
* Letters of Authority
* Blinding Light and Voice
  + Voice was spoken in Hebrew.
  + Others heard but did not see the blinding light.
  + Persecution against believers is persecution against Jesus Himself.
* Three Days without sight – no food or drink.
* Ananias
  + He is a chosen vessel of mind.
  + I will show him what he must suffer for my name’s sake.
  + He will stand before the Kings.
  + He will go to the Gentiles.
  + He will before the Jews to a lesser degree.
* Paul is Transformed – proclaims Jesus.
* Paul’s escape.

**Three Year Gap between Damascus Road and Jerusalem.**

* Three Years in Arabia (Galatians 1:15-18)
* Direct revelation of the Gospel from Christ (not taught from Apostles).

**Peter’s Ministry: Chapters 9-12, Paul’s Ministry: Chapter 13-28**

**Chapter 9 Continued with Peter’s Ministry**

* Aeneas Healed
* Tabitha Raised from the Dead

**Chapter 10**

* Cornelius’ Vision
  + A Centurion
  + Prayer, fasting, and alms giving.
  + Acceptable to God.
  + Angelic messenger and message.
  + Cornelius obeyed the message.
* Peters Vision
  + Unclean animals – Leviticus 11
  + Repeated three times.
  + Cornelius’ messengers show up.
  + Peter goes. (10 persons went: two servants, soldier, 6 Christians and Peter)
* Gentile Pentecost
  + Peter’s message
    - God no respecter of persons – all welcome.
    - Jesus anointed healing all oppressed of the devil (vs 38).
    - He was crucified (hanged on a tree).
    - Raised on the third day.
    - Seen by chosen witnesses (me).
    - Commanded us to preach this message of salvation and good news.
  + Peter’s Impact
    - The Holy Spirit falls upon the Gentiles just like Day of Pentecost.
    - Spoke in tongues (manifestation) and praised God.
    - Water Baptism
    - John 16:12 – I have many more things to tell you, but you cannot bear them now.
    - Peter stayed with them several days.

**Chapter 11**

* Peter Reports to Church in Jerusalem
  + Initial resistance – Peter broke the law by going into a Gentiles home.
  + Peter recaps all that happened:
    - His vision
    - Cornelius’ vision
    - His sermon
    - The outpouring of the Holy Spirit
    - Who am I to stand in God’s way?
  + The Church in Jerusalem accepts the Gentiles – kind of
* Church Center Moves to Antioch
  + Third largest city after Rome and Alexandria.
  + Large number of conversions.
  + Jerusalem Church sends Barnabas.
  + Barnabas gets Paul in Tarsus.
  + They minister together for one year.
  + Followers of Jesus were first called “Christians” in Antioch.