

## **The Church at Antioch**

**Acts 11: 25-26**

**Text: Peter's experience with Cornelius opened the door to include Gentiles.**

- **There is no room for prejudice against any Christian in the church.**

### **I. The Dissolving of Racial and Religious Prejudice. (v. 1-18)**

The church leaders did not believe the Gentiles were included in the loving purpose of God.

The gift of the Holy Spirit to Cornelius changed everything.

### **II. The Purpose of God Includes the Gentiles! (v. 19-24)**

### **III. Christian Conduct Results from Christian Teaching! (v. 25-26)**

First called Christians in Antioch

Conversion produces Christian conduct and character.

Why was the name given?

What was involved in being a Christian?

(Jews, Gentiles, Samaritans, Male and Female, Slave and Free, Housebroken or not)

### **IV. The Practice of Generosity. (v.27-30)**

We must be generous in our Christian Compassion.

Not a command but real compassion.

**Conclusion:**

**Everyone is included in the Loving Purpose of God!**

**Do we possess this truth in our attitudes, actions, and ambitions?**