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**What does your culture want out of life? What is the dream everyone is chasing?**

**In what ways will the culture's hope let people down?**

**How does God give people in your culture what they truly hope for (acceptance, meaning, purpose, value, etc.)?**

**In what ways could your gospel presentation adjust to better reach the people in your life?**

#### **4. Acts 11–14 Reading Plan**

Acts is a long book, and we won't be able to study every verse of it during each of these sessions. This reading plan will help you familiarize yourself with the entirety of the book so that you can dig more deeply into God's Word.

This week's reading guide will walk you through Acts 11–14. There is a lot in this section of Acts, from the opposition of Peter's Gentile evangelism to Paul's first missionary journey throughout the known world. Note how quickly the church mobilizes to reach Gentiles and the variety of ways God uses Paul to reach cultures throughout the northern Mediterranean region.

Day 1: The Opposition to Gentile Salvation (Acts 11:1–18)

Day 2: The Church of Antioch (Acts 11:19–30)

Day 3: Herod Persecutes the Church (Acts 12)

Day 4: The First Missionary Journey pt. 1 (Acts 13:1–12)

Day 5: The First Missionary Journey pt. 2 (Acts 13:13–52)

Day 6: The First Missionary Journey pt. 3 (Acts 14)