



Grace Assembly Of God

## CHAPTER-BY-CHAPTER BIBLE READING DEVOTIONAL

Scripture:	Acts 11	Title:	“For God so loved the World...”
Author	Ps Matthew Tan		
Summary of Chapter	In the first part of this chapter, Peter was explaining to the Jewish believers why he took the Word of God to the Gentiles -- as led by a vision from God -- and how the leading of the Lord was confirmed with the Holy Spirit falling upon the Gentiles, just as it happened with the Jews. In the second part of this chapter, it details the growth of the Gentile church.		

Key Verse(s) NLT	How does it speak to me?
<i>18<sup>b</sup> They said, “We can see that God has also given the Gentiles the privilege of repenting of their sins and receiving eternal life.”</i>	<p>Many years back I was in another country ministering in a small remote village up in the hills. Families were gathered in the upper room of a wooden shed built into the side of the hill. There were around 50 of us cramped into a small space. As I was preaching, the Lord told me clearly that He wanted to fill them with the Holy Spirit. So at the end of my message I told everyone to stretch out their hands to receive, and we wait ... and waited ... until their hands got tired.</p> <p>After 5 minutes of awkward silence, I told my translator: “Eh brother, I think this is not happening. Let’s just close the service so that they can go home.” My translator had more faith. He replied “Wait wait, coming coming.” And after he said that, the Holy Spirit really came, like a wave, from the back to the front, every single one, row by row they started to break out in tongues.</p> <p>Later they told me that no one taught them about tongues before. They didn’t even know what speaking in tongues sounded like. And there they are, every single one of them speaking in tongues just like how we do in Singapore, at Grace Assembly.</p> <p>What God did there many years back, showed me that the heart of God is for all people and not just for a privileged group. This is how special the world is to Him. We must never forget those who are outside the walls of our church. People need the Lord!</p>

### APPLICATION REFLECTIONS

Adult:	How can you do more to bless the nations / foreign workers / people around you?
Youth:	Do you have someone from another country in your class/school? How might you reach out to bless and share with them God’s love?
Child:	Do you have a classmate from another country? Say something nice to the person and share with him/her about Jesus.

### PRAYER

Praying Scripture:	Father God, I am grateful for Your heart for the nations. If not, I would never have been saved. I pray for that we will come to understand more of Your heart each day. Give us opportunities to bless others just like how You have blessed us.
Thanksgiving Prayer:	I/We thank you for _____ (e.g. delicious food we ate, places we went, prayer that was answered, etc)
Intercessory Prayer:	I/We want to pray for _____ (e.g. healing of sickness, family members, work or study, leaders, nation, etc)
Salvation Prayer:	I/We pray for the salvation of my/our unsaved loved ones _____ (add one name per day). In Jesus’ Name I/we pray. Amen.