

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

Acts 11:1-18

Even Gentiles!

Background

Read Acts 10. What are the various ways in which God worked to bring about this meeting between Cornelius and Peter?

Digging In

1. **Read Ac 11:1-4.** What problem arose from the conversion of Cornelius and his household?
2. How did Peter handle the situation?
3. **Read vss. 5-10.** What would the brothers in Jerusalem find persuasive in Peter's description of his vision?
4. **Read vss. 11-12.** What key point is Peter making in these two verses? What did Peter add in v. 12 to bolster his testimony?
5. **Read vss. 13-14.** We've seen how God prepared **Peter** for this evangelistic encounter. How did God prepare **Cornelius**?
6. **Read vss. 15-17.** How did God confirm the salvation of Cornelius and his household?
7. How does Peter conclude his defense in v. 17?
8. Why would this be such a powerful argument for accepting the conversion of the Gentiles?
9. What was the response of the believers in Jerusalem?
10. How can we follow their example?



Getting Personal

- Peter was reluctant to take the gospel to Gentiles because of religious and racial prejudice. Are there any people groups that we tend to avoid today? Explain.
- Why are we slow to take the gospel to these peoples? What are the barriers?
- Are there any prejudices that are keeping you from taking the gospel to those without Christ?
- How can God help us overcome these obstacles?