



The Church Led by the Holy Spirit (Acts 11:1-18)

Questions: Week Nineteen

Peter Explains His Actions - [Acts 11:1-18](#)

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Open It

1. What dream stands out in your memory?
2. What favorite story do you like retelling?
3. *What is one family tradition you want to keep at all costs?

Explore It

4. What did the apostles and Christians in Judea hear? ([11:1](#))
5. When Peter went to Jerusalem, who criticized him? ([11:2](#))
6. Who were the "circumcised believers"? ([11:2](#))
7. What did the circumcised Christians say? ([11:3](#))
8. *Why did the circumcised believers imply that it was wrong for Peter to eat with Gentiles? ([11:3](#))
9. *How did Peter explain his actions? ([11:4-17](#))
10. What did Peter include in his brief explanation? ([11:4-17](#))
11. What additional information did Peter provide concerning the angel's message to Cornelius? ([11:14](#))
12. *How did Peter dispel the idea that the Gentiles were second-class citizens? ([11:15-17](#))
13. On what did Peter's defense rest? ([11:17](#))
14. How did Peter's argument prove convincing? ([11:18](#))
15. How did Peter's step of including non-Jews affect the church? ([11:18](#))

Get It

16. Why do you think Peter told the whole story behind his actions?
17. How was the criticism against Peter helpful to the church?
18. When might it be helpful to be openly critical about church matters?
19. *In what ways do we need to be less like the "circumcised believers" in our approach to others?
20. Whom do you find "unacceptable"?
21. *How can you be more accepting of those who don't match your values or life-style?
22. What principle of accepting others do you want to copy from Peter's example?

Apply It

23. When might you need to take a stand for what is right in your place of work, family, or church this week?
24. *How can you open your heart and mind to others whom you tend to dislike?