



Word of Peter's eating with Gentiles caused a negative reaction among the Jewish believers back in Jerusalem. The incident violated many Hebrew customs and presuppositions. Following a detailed explanation of events by a persuasive and changed Peter, however, the others became convinced that God had ordered these surprising circumstances. The Jerusalem church began to accept the Gentile mission.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read [Acts 11:1-18](#). Jot down 1 or 2 new thoughts that seem important. Why are they important?
2. Why was Peter confronted in [Acts 11:2-3](#)?
3. Peter explained the vision he had seen to the other disciples. What was Peter doing when he had this vision in [Acts 11:5](#)?
 - a. Paul also had visions from the Lord. What was Paul doing when these visions came? Hint: [Acts 26:12-19](#), [16:9](#), and [18:9-10](#).
 - b. If you desire a vision from the Lord, what must you do?
4. Why was the event at Caesarea ([Acts 10](#)) significant?
5. To what event was Jesus referring to in [Acts 1:5](#)? What is the broader application of His statement?
6. After Peter explained the circumstances ([Acts 11:5-17](#)), what was the two responses of the Jewish believers (followers of Jesus Christ) in [Acts 11:18](#)? Why do you think they had two reactions?
7. Do miracles still happen in the body of Christ today? Why or why not? If yes, can you think of a recent example?

MOVING FORWARD

The response was one of praising God as the congregation remarked on the fact that God has also given the Gentiles the privilege of turning from sin and receiving eternal life. This is a remarkable example of the spiritual health of this young church. Though steeped in centuries of Jewish rules and regulations, they had seen enough of God's wonders over the past few months to know that God was moving in some new ways.

Are you open to what God is doing? Are you willing to be responsive to His leading in your life and church? What are you willing to give up to fulfill God's purpose for your life and your church family?

CHANGING YOUR MIND

¹⁸ [When they heard this they became silent. Then they glorified God, saying, "So God has granted repentance resulting in life to even the Gentiles!" Acts 11:18](#)