

1. **Read** Acts 11:1-18. Why would the Jewish believers question Peter for meeting with gentiles after having seen or heard that Jesus healed and saved numerous gentiles?
2. What types of people do you avoid when it comes to sharing your faith? Why?
3. What are the three defenses Peter uses to justify his actions? How can we follow Peter's defense steps to help our spiritual decision-making process?
4. **Read** Acts 11:18, 15:1-2, Philippians 3:1-3, Galatians 5:2-6. How did the Jewish Christians respond to Peter? Why do you think they changed their mind when it came to circumcision?
5. Can you think of any standards you expect Christians to meet that may vary depending on your audience or the situation?
6. **Read** Romans 14. Paul wrote this after arguing with these Jewish Christians. How does it help you think about your attitude toward other believers?
7. **Read** Acts 11:19-26 and Acts 8:1-3. What do you learn about this critical growth stage of the new church?
8. What do you learn about Barnabas, and how can each of his traits be built-up in believers?
9. **Read** Acts 9:26-30 and 11:25-26. Why do you think Barnabas brought Saul from Tarsus?
10. Why is it important for every believer to have a role to play in the global Christian church?
11. **Read** Acts 4:32-37 and 11:29-30. How does the history of Christianity inform your giving?