

Study Notes and Questions for Acts 11

- Summarize what took place in Acts chapter 10.
- Who criticized Peter when he returned to Jerusalem?
- For what were they specifically criticizing Peter (see 11:1–3)?
- What did the Circumcision Party believe and why?
- Why was it significant that Peter mentioned that an angel of the Lord met Cornelius in his house?
- What was the major confirmation that Peter and his Jewish companions witnessed that convinced them that God had chosen the Gentiles to hear the Gospel?
- In **verse 17** Peter said, “...**who was I that I could stand in God’s way?**” Obviously that’s a very good attitude, but can you think of any ways that the Church today stands in God’s way?
- Why is what was happening in Antioch significant for the Church?
- Why did Barnabas go to find Paul and bring him to Antioch?
- Why do you think the Lord chose to reveal to the believers that a famine was coming?
- How did the believers in Antioch choose to respond to the famine and why are their actions significant?
- Why is it important for believers to know that racial and cultural differences are of no significance in the Body of Christ?
- What can believers do today to make sure they reflect nothing of the world’s answers to racism?