

Acts 11:1-18

Sermon headings

The moral offence of Peter's actions

The divine purpose behind Peter's actions

The amazing grace revealed through Peter's actions

Read the passage

1. Why were the Jewish believers in Jerusalem critical of Peter?
2. Like Old Testament believers, we are called to be holy as God is holy (1 Peter 1:5-16). How closely should we associate with non-believers? Discuss.
3. Peter makes clear that the encounter in Caesarea was prompted by God. Why is that important?
4. Peter also makes clear that the encounter in Caesarea was prompted by God for a particular purpose. What was it and how does this help us to answer question 2 above?
5. What was the significance of the Holy Spirit coming on the household of Cornelius?
6. How does this story reveal the grace of God?

7. How should we expect someone's life to change if they have received the gift of 'repentance that leads to life'?

8. Why is praise the appropriate response to what we have read?

Take time to share prayer requests and pray about the things you have discussed.