

**A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study**  
**Date: October 26, 2016**  
**Acts 11:1-18**

1. What happened the last couple of weeks in our Bible Studies in chapter 10?
  - a. Cornelius saw a vision of an angel speaking to him.
  - b. Peter saw a vision of animals being lowered down on a sheet.
  - c. Cornelius sent people to get Peter and bring him back to his house.
  - d. Peter shared the gospel and Cornelius and all of his family trusted in Christ and were filled with the Holy Spirit.
  
2. How did the apostles and believers in Jerusalem and throughout Judea respond to this amazing work of God through Peter?
  - a. They praised God.
  - b. They gave him a denominational award.
  - c. They criticized him.
  - d. Instead of focusing on the way God used him and celebrating clear results, they questioned Peter's methods because they weren't "the right way" to do ministry.
  
3. Why is Peter having to explain his actions?
  - a. He ate with Gentiles who were uncircumcised and "unclean".
  - b. The disciples did not expect for things to change like this.
  - c. Other. \_\_\_\_\_
  
4. What was the basis of Peter's explanation?
  - a. Well, this is what seemed right to me...
  - b. Well, this is what seemed the easiest and most beneficial for me and my ministry...
  - c. Hey, I'm with you! This isn't what I would have done on my own (see 11:8).
  - d. This is exactly what God told me (see 11:9)
  - e. This is how God confirmed it through circumstances and through other people who hear from God (see 11:11-14).
  - f. This is how God confirmed it by his presence and the action of His Spirit (see 11:15).
  - g. This is how this matches up with what Jesus had already said (see 11:16).
  
5. List some issues in your life about which God has changed your thinking?
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
  
6. What might God still be trying to change your thinking about? \_\_\_\_\_
  
7. How do you know it is God who is changing your thinking?
  - a. It just seemed right.
  - b. Because if it was me, I would have preferred to stay the same...God often pushes me out of my comfort zone.
  - c. Because God said!
  - d. Because God confirmed what he said through godly people who I know hear from Him.
  - e. Because God confirmed it by the circumstances that came after He spoke.
  - f. Because God's Spirit was present and His action affirmed my decision to follow.
  - g. Because it matches up with the Word of God and what Jesus has already told us.