

Living a Christ-Centered Life

LESSON 35: Christ-centered People and Addressing Criticism

In **Acts 11** Peter now has to defend his actions after his mission to see Cornelius. The questions raised by Jewish Christians are going to be a continual struggle for all the Apostles. Change of belief, culture, and attitude is very hard and does not happen quickly or without challenges.

Questions to consider

1. When you are criticized about a spiritual, biblical, or ethical matter, how do you respond?
2. When you have to address a spiritual, biblical, or ethical matter, how do you do it?
3. What is the goal in conflict resolution?

Word Study

V.2 “Criticized”

V.4 “Explained”

V.4 “Precisely”

V.18 “Objections”

Read Acts 11:1-3

- Was the charge valid?
- Was the criticism biblical?

Read Acts 1:4-17

- How did Peter handle the criticism?
- What is the evidence of Peter’s attitude and demeanor in his response?

Read Acts 11:18

- What was the response of those who questioned him?
- *What are the lessons about handling criticism?*