

# Breaking Down Barriers Discussion Questions

Acts 11:1-18

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1. How are we brothers and sisters in Christ?
2. Have you ever been excited to share good news, just to be criticized or confronted about something? How does this make you feel? What did you do? Was this the correct response?
3. Have you been the one criticizing people like the Jewish Christians? What was wrong about their response? How do we evaluate our position and decide if it is the position God wants us to take or not?
4. What position have you held that may need some evaluating?
5. Read Proverbs 15:1. How does a gentle or soft answer turn away wrath? How does a harsh answer stir up wrath?
6. How can we remove our feelings and opinions from something and just give the details? What words do we use that show our feelings or our opinions? What words just give the details?
7. Give an example of a time you jumped to conclusions about someone or something. What could you have done to get the details you needed to make a better conclusion?
8. What is something in your life that you have pushed back against God about? How can you use that to help others understand?
9. What do you do when you get defensive or angry?
10. What should we do instead of getting defensive or angry?
11. How can remembering Scripture help you in these situations? Do you have Scripture memorized that will help you in these times? If so, recite one or two that helps you?
12. How is your attitude and actions about a situation based on Scripture? Is it in context?
13. Read 2 Peter 1:12-13. When the Bible uses the word remember, it is not limited to cognitive recall, but also implies acting in accordance with what is remembered. What does it mean to act in accordance with what is remembered? How can we correctly use scripture to remind people of what the Bible says about something?
14. What does it mean to stand in God's way? What are the results of standing in His way? What is the better option? Read Daniel 4:35.
15. What responsibility do you have for those criticizing people's responses? What responsibility do you have for your response to them?