



Growth Group Discussion Questions for Acts 10:1-48
Week of May 12-15, 2019

1. Scripture memory: Review Titus 3:1-3. Memorize, meditate on, and be ready to recite Titus 3:4.
2. Carefully read Acts 10:1-48.
3. Although the Scriptures promised the salvation of people from every nation for the glory of God (Dan. 7:14; Ps. 96:1-3; Matt. 28:18-20), until this point, the gospel was only spreading amongst the Jews. What could be some reasons for that? (John 4:9, Acts 11:2-3)
4. How did God work in Cornelius to prepare him to receive the gospel? (See vv. 1-8). How did God work in Peter to be a witness of the gospel to a Gentile? (See vv. 9-10).
5. Why would this vision have been so perplexing (v. 17) to Peter? (See Lev. 20:24-26, also Lev. 11) Why do you think God repeated the vision three times? (vv. 16, 19)
6. How does God's statement in verse 15 inform us about attitudes that reject, shun, or despise humans based on their ethnic origin or culture or physical traits?
7. As a Roman centurion, Cornelius was a commander over 100 soldiers. Yet whose commands was he ready to obey? (See v. 33). Why does Scripture use the term obedience in relationship to faith? (See Rom 1:5, 16:26; Acts 6:7) What is required for one to be obedient to the gospel?

8. We know that God heard Cornelius' prayers and good deeds (v. 4). Do you think this means that Cornelius was reconciled and saved from the wrath of God? Why or why not? Why would God take the further step of sending Peter to Cornelius? Would Cornelius have been saved without the gospel message (vv. 33, 39-43) coming to him? (See Acts 11:14, 18)

9. If as Peter said, that people in every nation will be acceptable to God (v. 35) and God has prescribed that salvation comes through the message of the gospel (Acts 11:14), what are the implications for world missions? What are the implications to those people groups who currently have no, or limited, access to the gospel?

10. As soon as there was evidence of salvation in Cornelius and his family, what was the immediate impulse of Peter in verses 47-48? Notice that Peter and his party put no conditions of Judaism on them before baptism. How was this a sign of their full incorporation and identification with Christ? Are you, or somebody you know, delaying baptism because of artificial preconditions? Why?

11. What principles or thoughts had the most impact on you from the message on Sunday, May 12th? How were you challenged? What points of application did you take away from the message?

PRAY IN THE GROUP: Pray for the preparations that are underway for Cornerstone's Vacation Bible School in June. Pray for all the volunteers as they prepare to minister during that week to children. Pray mostly for the hearts of the children and their parents who will be ministered to. Pray that the gospel will be presented clearly, and that God's Spirit will work in hearts for His glory.