

Lesson 20



DAY ONE:

1. What did you learn about God from last week's lesson? How has that knowledge affected your day to day life?
2. **Read Acts 10:1-8.** Using these verses and Acts 10:22, list everything we know about Cornelius.
3. What does it mean that he was devout and God-fearing?
4. God could have communicated the Gospel directly to Cornelius. Why do you think He had Peter travel to Caesarea to meet face to face?

DAY TWO: Read Acts 10:9-23

5. What was Peter doing when he had his vision? Compare it to what Cornelius was doing when the angel appeared to him. What significance do you find in this?
6. Describe Peter's vision. (i.e. what did he see, what did the voice say, how did he respond, etc)
7. What clues to his emotions does the text give us? Do you think his emotions changed after seeing the vision three times?
8. Read Mark 7:14-19. Why would Peter still think some foods were unclean after Jesus' words to the disciples some years before?
9. What did Peter do for the delegation that came for him? How does this show God was starting to break down barriers in his heart and mind?

DAY THREE and DAY FOUR: Read Acts 10:23-48

10. Why do you think Peter took other men along with him as he went to Cornelius?

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11. In Acts 10:28 Peter said it was against the laws for a Jew to associate with a Gentile. Why? Can you support your answer with Scripture?

12. What are some common prejudices in the Christian church today?

13. What does it mean that “God does not show favoritism”?

14. What habits and traditions did Peter need to let go? Do you think God still challenges some of our long held beliefs and traditions? If so, what?

15. When Peter began to speak to Cornelius and his friends, what does he choose to highlight? What do you learn from this?

16. Why did God cause the Holy Spirit to come on the Gentiles before Peter finished speaking and before they were baptized?

17. Why did Peter still think it was important for the Gentiles to be baptized with water?

DAY FIVE: Read Acts 11:1-18

18. What controversy awaited Peter when he returned to Jerusalem?

19. How did Peter respond to the objections? List several benefits you see in the way he handled this criticism from the believers in Jerusalem.

20. Why do you think Peter’s critics came to agree with him?