

Applying the Word (God's Message for Us)

Discussion Topic #1: Take a Step of Obedience

Peter hasn't even processed what the vision means when people show up at the gate and invite him to come with them to the home of the Gentile Centurion, Cornelius (see **Acts 10:17-22**).

What options did Peter have for a response?

How did Peter actually respond? (see **Acts 10:23**).

God was providing Peter with an opportunity to take a step of obedience and meet with someone with whom he would not have normally spent any time.

When has God provided such an opportunity for you?

Did you take advantage of it? How did that turn out?

What sorts of opportunities is God giving you right now that you might have missed or ignored?

What step of obedience might you take this week? Some act of kindness toward a neighbor? Starting a conversation? Sending a text? Sharing a meal?

Discussion Topic #2: Invite Others to Hear

Notice how Cornelius, an unbeliever, had invited others to hear what Peter had to say (see **Acts 10:24** and **10:33**).

In this case, it's someone who still isn't even a believer inviting others to hear a message. What other invitation do we see in this passage (see **Acts 10:23**)?

Perhaps you're uncomfortable sharing the gospel with someone but Jeremy said that you have permission to invite someone to meet with him in order that he might share the gospel. Is there some co-worker, family member, neighbor, etc. who you think might be up for this?

Who could you invite to come to join you for a worship service, a softball game, our life group, or some other church gathering?

Pray > Go > Make Disciples



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One "Small" Step

Acts 10:9-48



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Do you ever think of how one seemingly small decision can change the course of history?

Today we will complete Acts 10 in which we'll see that God gives Peter a vision.

Peter's response to that vision and the invitation to Caesarea that quickly follows will, in many ways, change the course of history.

Sermon Notes

God saves and pours out the Holy Spirit on all kinds of people when His people obediently take a step to go and preach the gospel.

Context

Obeying God and Getting Together

Acts 10:9-33

Gospel Proclamation

Acts 10:34-43

Gentiles Receive the Holy Spirit

Acts 10:44-48

Application:

1. Take a Step of Obedience
2. Invite Others to Hear

Read Ahead and Pray
for Next Week:
Acts 11:1-18

Life Group Guide

Knowing One Another

Looking back on the past week:

- What are you thankful for?
- What did you struggle with?
- What is one way you've seen God at work in/around you?

Caring for One Another

How can we pray for you tonight?

Spend Some Time in Prayer Together

Knowing the Word (God's Message to Them)

Observations

Time markers like "the next day" and "the following day" and "four days ago" show up in this passage. Find those in the text and summarize what happens on each day.

Context is very important. What similarities do you see between the events on the day of Pentecost in **Acts 2** and the events recorded in **Acts 10:34-48**?

Peter has a vision of animals on a sheet and hears the command to kill and eat them (**Acts 10:9-16**). What connection does he make between that and the invitation to go to the home of a Gentile? (see **Acts 10:28-29, 34-35**)

Interpretation

Why might all of this be intriguing to the original readers of Luke's account here in the book of Acts?