

Book Study #9

ACTS

Acts 10:1-48

Cornelius Calls for Peter – Peter’s Vision – Peter at Cornelius’ House

Before we begin this journey...

1. What would be appealing or unappealing to you about a career in the armed forces?
2. At an ethnic food festival, would you try a variety of international dishes or immediately seek out the hot dog stand? Why?
3. If a family from another country moved in next door, how might you welcome them to the neighborhood?

Do Some Research and Mapping...

4. Who was Cornelius? (10:1) How did the angel affirm the centurion’s life-style? (10:4)
5. What did the angel command Cornelius to do? (10:5-6)
6. When the angel left, what did Cornelius do? (10:7-8)
7. What did Peter experience while food was being prepared for him? (10:10-16)
8. What happened while Peter was wondering about the vision? (10:17-20)
9. How was Peter prepared for the messengers? (10:19-20)
10. How did Peter respond to the messenger’s request? (10:23)
11. What did Peter say to show that he had learned what God had wanted him to learn? (10:28-29)
12. In what way was Peter’s understanding of God changed by his vision? (10:34-35)
13. What was Peter’s message to the group? (10:34-43)
14. Why did Peter suddenly stop talking? (10:44-46)

Sort, Organize, Discuss, Understand...

15. Why is it that many kind, "God-fearing" people do not have a personal relationship with Christ?
16. How do you need to be more like Cornelius?
17. What are some reasons we reject or avoid certain people?
18. How can you show acceptance of those who don't "fit in"?
19. How do cultural and religious barriers hinder growth in our faith?
20. If you had a vision like Peter’s, what deep-seated prejudices would you be called on to get rid of?

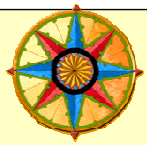


Application for this week...

21. This week, what can you do to imitate the centurion’s God-fearing life-style?
22. What new relationships can you ask God to bring into your life this week?
23. How can you be an effective witness for Christ this week among people who are different from you?



Reflection Under...



Prejudices? Prejudices?
I n't got no stinkin' prejudices!

And helping me, I will...

A prayer for your journey... “Lord Jesus, as I walk through this coming week, help me prepare for my journey by reading my Bible more regularly, seeking help as I need it from my Christian friends and focusing on the needs of others instead of myself. Help me to demonstrate my faith by stepping into the unknown, untried, and untested areas of my life.” -Amen