

ACTS CHAPTER 10 – GOSPEL SPREADS TO THE GENTILES

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Would you please study the TENTH chapter of Acts? After reading it a time or two, become familiar with the questions asked below and give your answers. We will discuss these during our meeting on Tuesday! See you there!!

Discussion Questions:

Cornelius Sends a Delegation (vs. 1-8) - Questions 1-3

1. What characteristics are used to describe Cornelius, the centurion? (v.2). How did the angel of God speak to him and at what time? (v. 3).

2. Describe how Cornelius is an example of how God meets those who have a hunger for Him? (vs. 3-4)

*3. What instructions did the angel of God give Cornelius? How specific was the location to where he was to send men? (vs. 5-6).

Peter's Vision (vs. 9-16) - Questions 4-5

*4. How did the Lord prepare Peter to minister to the Gentiles, while on the housetop? (vs. 10-12). What Jewish tradition(s) were violated here?

5. Why was Peter's answer to the Lord not consistent and really improper? (v. 14). For what reason was the vision presented to Peter three times? (vs. 14-16)

Summoned to Caesarea (vs.17-23) – Questions – 6-7

*6. What occurred while Peter was trying to understand what the vision meant? (v. 17). How can God's unique timing be seen in this whole situation?

7. How did God answer Peter's questions about the vision? (vs. 19-23) What was the answer? (vs. 21-22). Can you think of an idea why "some brethren from Joppa accompanied him?" (v. 23)

Peter Meets Cornelius (vs. 24-33) – Questions 8-9

*8. What characteristic of a man used by God was again demonstrated by Peter in verses 25 & 26? How hard was it for Jewish Peter to enter Gentile Cornelius' house? (v. 28)

*9. How did the visions on the rooftop prepare Peter for this moment? (v. 28). How do we know the "many who had come together" were ready to hear God's word? (v. 33)

Preaching to Cornelius' Household (vs. 34-43) – Questions 10-11

*10. Was Peter's stating that "God shows no partiality", that is that He is no respecter of persons, a new theme in the Bible? (Hint see Dt. 10:17; Ps. 82:2) How did Peter perceive that this fact of God resulted in his understanding that you don't have to be a Jew to be Christian? (vs. 34-36)

*11. What two central gospel thoughts did Peter present to the Gentiles in Cornelius' house? (vs. 39-40). What did Peter say about being a witness of Jesus' resurrection? (vs. 39-42)

The Holy Spirit Falls on the Gentiles (v. 44-48) – Questions 12

*12. What was the glorious interruption that occurred at this point in Peter's message? (v. 44) What was the reaction of "the circumcision" to this interruption? (v. 45). Who do "the circumcision" represent? Which Spiritual gift was given to the Gentiles? (v. 46) Could these events be described as the beginning of the Gentile church? How and why? (vs. 47-48)
