

# ACTS STUDY GUIDE

## Chapter 10

Why do you believe Cornelius was chosen to be the first Gentile convert? Is it significant that he was a Roman soldier? How were the Romans viewed by the Jews?

God communicated his plan to Cornelius by an angelic visitation. List some ways that God communicate his plans and desires to us today?

In Peter's vision why are the animals considered "impure and unclean"? What is the significance that the vision was repeated three times? Are there any other events in Peter's life where the repetition of something three times was significant? (see John 18:15-18; 25-27)

Do you believe it is coincidental or not that the messengers arrives at the moment Peter's vision ended? Why did Peter take "some of the brothers from Joppa" with him on the return trip to Cornelius' house?

In verses 28-29 do you get the sense that Peter already fully understands God's message in the vision he had seen? Why or why not?

In verse 34 Peter noted that God does not show favoritism. Were the Jews "favored" since they were God's chosen people?

In verse 35 Peter states that God accepts those who fear him and do what is right." Is he saying that God's favor is earned by works?

In the verses following 35 Peter gives a synopsis of the gospel story. What is the significance that some of the witnesses of the risen Christ actually "ate and drank with him?"

What was the evidence that Peter and the other Jews saw and heard to let them know the Holy Spirit had come to the Gentiles? What other occasions did this same sign occur in the book of Acts? (see chapters 2 and 8) Why was it necessary that each time God gave this visible sign?

Is there any person or group that is rejected by God and for whom the gospel should be withheld?

Cornelius was a seeker eager to hear the gospel. Is every seeker like this? What other examples of "seekers" can you think of in the New Testament (Acts 8:26 ff; John 4)? Was Saul a seeker (Acts 9)?

What should believers do to be prepared like Peter to share the gospel? How have you been prepared to share?