



Peter had no expectation that God wanted to use him to reach the nations. As he put himself in a place of prayer and submission, day in and day out, God awakened him to a greater vision for his life. (Acts 10: 1-48)

REFLECT (10 Minutes)

Was there anything new or interesting that grabbed you from the teaching Sunday?

DIG DEEPER (20-30 Minutes)

When was the last time you found yourself in a situation with people or in a place that you normally wouldn't go? What happened? Why were you there?

Instead of reading the entire story, ask if someone in your group can summarize what happens in Acts 10.

Read 10:9-16. Why was Peter apprehensive to follow the voice in the dream that told him to, eat the food on the sheet? Reference Leviticus 11 if your group is interested in seeing the list of clean and unclean foods.

In his message, Darren said that Peter's dream was one way that God prepared Peter to share the gospel with Cornelius who represented the Gentile nations. In this story, both Cornelius and Peter are responsive to the Spirit's prompting in their life (v5, v19-20). Do you believe that God is at work in your life leading you to connect with other people? Are or are you not responding? Why?

- Does anyone in the group have an example of God leading you to connect with someone different than you? How did you know it was God leading you?

Acts 10 is a pivotal story in the NT. It is the official moment when Jesus brings Jews and Gentiles together as one new family. Take a minute and read Ephesians 2:11-22. What strikes you about this passage?

- Peace is all through this passage, specifically peace with each other. Do our presentations of the gospel often include peace with others? Why or why not?

RESPOND (10-15 Minutes)

In light of this sermon and discussion, are you sensing God prompting you to respond in any way? Take a few minutes to pray individually and then share with the group if there is time.

PRAY (10 Minutes)

Spend some time praying for our Global Missionaries in the Field Notes journal. Then take a bit of time to pray for one another in specific areas where you are intentionally on mission in your life.

LEADER NOTES

These questions are a guide; feel free to use/exclude ones as people may have already answered the question or talked about the theme OR if your group takes a long time to tackle one particular theme it's ok to skip over questions in the interest of time/focus.