



Peter and Cornelius

Getting to know each other:

A lot of people today have learned a lot about their ethnic heritage through things like 23 and Me or Ancestry. Have you taken one of those tests? Do you know your ethnic heritage? Share a little bit about what you know with the group.

Read Acts 10:1-35

1. What in this passage do you have questions about? What in this passage is striking or surprising to you?
2. Cornelius is in Ceaserea and Peter is in Joppa. Use Google to try to find those two locations: How far are they apart? What can you find out about them? Who lived in each place? What was Peter doing in Joppa?
3. Cornelius is described as a 'God-fearer' and looks particularly like a faithful Jew who does not yet fully know God.
 - A. What would a 'God-fearer' look like in our culture today?
 - B. Based on this story, do you think God regularly seeks 'God-fearing' people today?
 - C. Do you think that God usually reveals himself to 'God-fearing' people in such a clear, dramatic way? Or, do you think God usually is more subtle in revealing Himself? Why?
4. As Acts 10 clearly reveals, dietary restrictions are no longer boundary markers for God's people in the world today, as they were with Israel. But, are there different boundary markers for Christians today? If they don't exist, why not? If they do exist, what are they and why do you think they are boundary markers?
5. In Acts 10, God clearly brings together some events in a way that only God could do, through dreams and visions, through connecting Peter and Cornelius in particular ways. Have you ever experienced anything like this, where God clearly was leading and directing your steps?
6. In the message, Pastor David really challenged us to play our part in the great commission and open up our circles for the sake of the gospel. Is there any place where you feel that call specifically? Share with the group. How can the group help you stay faithful to this call?

Next Steps 2023

- What are some of your next steps in faith for 2023? Share any updates with your group.
- When you complete your next step using the campus QR code below.

Prayer

- Share praises and prayer requests with one another.
- Guided prayer: God, give me the ears to hear when you call me to be a part of your Great Commission. Give me the courage to answer that call. Lord, give me the joy of seeing You work in ways that only You can do. This I pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

