

WEEKLY GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Week of Sunday July 5, 2026

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INTRODUCTION

In **Acts 10**, God is not reinforcing the barriers people create between themselves and others. Instead, He is inviting people into a bigger understanding of His grace, His heart, and His mission. Many of us wrestle with assumptions about who belongs, who can change, or whether we ourselves are worthy of God's love. This passage challenges those assumptions and invites us to see people—including ourselves—the way God does. As we discuss together, consider what God may be revealing that needs to change in your heart.

Main Passage:

Acts 10:1–48

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Calling All People

READ ALOUD

Acts 10:1–48

Opening Question: What is something you once misunderstood that completely changed when you saw it from a different perspective?

- What stands out to you about Peter's vision and his response?
- What do you notice about Cornelius and his desire to know God?
- What do you think God wanted Peter to understand through this encounter with Cornelius?
- Where might this passage challenge the way we view ourselves or other people?

APPLY

- Is there a person, group, or situation where you find it difficult to see people the way God sees them?
- Where do you find yourself relying on being "good enough" instead of trusting in God's grace?
- What relationship or opportunity might God be using right now to teach you more about Jesus?

RESPOND

- What is one step of obedience God may be asking you to take this week?
- Who is one person you can intentionally encourage, serve, pray for, or share your faith with this week?

DIGGING DEEPER *(optional)*

Acts 10:44–48

- What surprises the Jewish believers in this section?
- How does this moment confirm what God was teaching Peter?
- What does this passage reveal about God's desire to reach people?

PRAY

Invite everyone to reflect on what God may be revealing in their hearts. Spend time thanking Jesus for His grace and salvation. Ask God to help you trust His truth more than your assumptions, extend grace to others, receive His grace personally, and walk in obedience to whatever He is calling you to do this week.

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILIES

Acts 10:1–48

- What did God teach Peter in this story?
- Why was Cornelius important in God's plan?
- What does this story teach us about who God loves?
- How can we show God's love to people this week?

For younger children: Jesus loves all people and wants everyone to know Him. Ask God to help you love others the way He does.

For older kids or students: Is there someone at school, on a team, or in your community who might need kindness, encouragement, or an invitation from you this week?

BIBLE READING PLAN (OPTIONAL)

Scripture to read as you pray this week:

- **Day 1:** Acts 11:1–10
- **Day 2:** Acts 11:11–18
- **Day 3:** Acts 11:19–21
- **Day 4:** Acts 11:22–26
- **Day 5:** Acts 11:27–30

What's Going On?

Acts 10 marks a major turning point in the story of the early church. God reveals to Peter that the gospel is not only for Jewish people but for all nations. Through Cornelius, a Gentile seeking God, Peter learns that God's grace is available to everyone who responds in faith. When the Holy Spirit comes upon Cornelius and his household, it confirms that God is welcoming Gentiles into His family through Jesus, just as He did Jewish believers.

This passage reminds us that salvation comes through faith in Christ, not through heritage, status, performance, or religious achievement.

A Bit of Background

Many Jews in Peter's day avoided close association with Gentiles because they viewed them as spiritually unclean. Although God had always intended to bless all nations through His people, many had missed that part of His plan.

Acts 10 shows God correcting that misunderstanding and expanding the church's mission to reach the whole world.