



The early church serves as a model for the Church today. If we will make their priorities our priorities, if we will proclaim the message as they proclaimed it, if we will follow their example of ministry, together, we too can make a difference in the world which we live in!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read [Acts 10:24-48](#). Jot down 1 or 2 new thoughts that seem important. Why are they important?
2. What impresses you most about Peter?
3. Some of Peter's (*who used to be "Mr. Foot in the mouth" guy*) more impressive character traits include (*please discuss each*):
 - a. Humility ([Acts 10:24-26](#))
 - b. Flexibility ([Acts 1-:27-29](#))
 - c. Readiness to listen ([Acts 10:30-33](#))
 - d. Speech about Jesus & Holy Spirit ([Acts 10:34-38](#))
 - e. His message saying that there is forgiveness of sins through Jesus ([Acts 10:39-43](#))
 - f. His acceptance of Gentiles for baptism as soon as they believed ([Acts 10:44-47](#))
 - g. His willingness to stay with the new believers for several days ([Acts 10:48](#))
 - h. Do you have these character traits in you?
 - i. Which character traits should you be asking God to develop in you? Take a moment now and ask God to start developing each of these traits in you.
4. What excellent lessons do we learn from Cornelius' life?
5. In summary, how do you see God's purpose, as stated in [Acts 1:8](#) (*see verse below*) being fulfilled in this passage?
6. The story of Peter and Cornelius is an excellent example of sharing Jesus across cultures. In what ways could you grow in relating to people of other cultures and races? Take a moment now and ask God to start giving you wisdom and boldness in this area of your Christian life.

MOVING FORWARD

Ask God to use your experiences in life and knowledge of Him to bring others to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

"⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." [Acts 1:8](#)