



Good News for the Whole World! (Acts 9:32-10:48)

Questions: Week Eighteen

Aeneas and Dorcas - [Acts 9:32-43](#)

Topics: [Believers](#), [Death](#), [Goodness](#), [Healing](#), [Instructions](#), [Jesus Christ](#), [Miracles](#), [Poor](#), [Prayer](#), [Witnessing](#)

Open It

1. *What are some of your most treasured memories of a late friend, relative, or coworker?
2. What would you find easy or hard about helping inner-city poor people find jobs?
3. What would you find easy or hard about helping paraplegics learn to live with their disabilities?

Explore It

4. Where did Peter's mission work take him? ([9:32](#))
5. Whom did Peter visit in Lydda? ([9:33](#))
6. How was Peter able to cure Aeneas? ([9:34](#))
7. What effect did the healing of Aeneas have on the residents of Lydda and Sharon? ([9:35](#))
8. What did Tabitha (Dorcas) do in Joppa? ([9:36](#))
9. *What happened to Dorcas? ([9:37](#))
10. Where was Joppa in relation to Lydda? ([9:38](#))
11. Why was Peter summoned by the disciples to Joppa? ([9:38](#))
12. Where was Peter taken when he arrived in Joppa? ([9:39](#))
13. How was the miracle of raising the woman to life performed? ([9:40](#))
14. *What did Peter do when he was alone with the dead woman? ([9:40-41](#))
15. After Peter helped Tabitha to her feet, what did he do next? ([9:41](#))
16. *How did the miracle of raising Tabitha further the kingdom of God? ([9:42](#))
17. With whom did Peter stay in Joppa? ([9:43](#))

Get It

18. Why are the signs and wonders of the early church largely absent from the Christian community today?
19. *Why do some Christians suffer and die, while others are healed of their sickness?
20. In what ways would you like to follow the example of Dorcas?
21. When you die, what group of people besides your family will miss you most?
22. If Peter were visiting your church, whom would you ask him to help?

Apply It

23. What areas of your life need God's healing today?
24. How can you help a needy person this week?
25. *What can you do to help a widow who needs assistance?

Cornelius Calls for Peter - [Acts 10:1-8](#)

Topics: [Angels](#), [Generosity](#), [Gifts](#), [God](#), [Instructions](#), [Leadership](#), [Poor](#), [Prayer](#)

Open It

1. *What would be appealing or unappealing to you about a career in the armed forces?
2. If you were in military service, where would you like to be stationed?
3. As an army officer, what would you like or not like about commanding a company of soldiers?

Explore It

4. Who was Cornelius? ([10:1](#))
5. Where did Cornelius live? ([10:1](#))
6. What did Cornelius do for a living? ([10:1](#))
7. How did the Roman officer and his family relate to God? ([10:2](#))
8. How did Cornelius help those in need? ([10:2](#))
9. What did Cornelius experience one afternoon? ([10:3](#))
10. How did Cornelius respond to the angel? ([10:4](#))
11. *How did the angel affirm the centurion's life-style? ([10:4](#))
12. *What did the angel command Cornelius to do? ([10:5-6](#))
13. *When the angel left, what did Cornelius do? ([10:7-8](#))
14. Who did Cornelius send to Joppa? ([10:7-8](#))

Get It

15. *What neighbors and friends remind you of Cornelius?
16. Why is it that many kind, "God-fearing" people do not have a personal relationship with Christ?
17. *How do you need to be more like Cornelius?
18. How do you know when God is speaking to you?
19. When do you act on what God tells you to do?
20. How can you be more open to God taking command of your life?

Apply It

21. *This week, what can you do to imitate the centurion's God-fearing life-style?
22. What can you give to someone who is in need?

Peter's Vision - [Acts 10:9-23](#)

Topics: [Acceptance](#), [Culture](#), [Heaven](#), [Holy Spirit](#), [Hospitality](#), [Instructions](#), [Prayer](#), [Respect](#)

Open It

1. *At an ethnic food festival, would you try a variety of international dishes or immediately seek out the hot dog stand? Why?
2. If you lived overseas, what about your life-style would you try to maintain, and how would you try to fit in with the nationals?

Explore It

3. Where was Peter when the centurion's men approached Joppa? ([10:9](#))
4. What was Peter doing? ([10:9](#))
5. How did Peter feel? ([10:10](#))
6. *What did Peter experience while food was being prepared for him? ([10:10-16](#))
7. What did Peter see in a vision? ([10:11-12](#))
8. What did the voice instruct Peter to do? ([10:13](#))
9. Why did Peter protest against the command to eat? ([10:14](#))
10. How were Peter's objections silenced? ([10:15](#))
11. Why was this incident repeated three times? ([10:16](#))
12. *What happened while Peter was wondering about the vision? ([10:17-20](#))
13. *How was Peter prepared for the messengers? ([10:19-20](#))
14. What did Peter say to the messengers? ([10:21](#))
15. What did the messengers tell Peter? ([10:22](#))
16. How did Peter respond to the messengers' request? ([10:23](#))

Get It

17. How do you think Peter felt when he was told to kill and eat unclean food?
18. *What are some reasons we reject or avoid certain people?
19. Peter's dream was unexpected; how does God deal with us in surprising ways?
20. How does God give us clear directions through other Christians?
21. How did Peter's hospitality to the messengers show that he was beginning to put into practice what he had learned in the vision?
22. How should your church treat visitors who are different from the rest of the congregation?
23. *How can you show acceptance of those who don't "fit in"?

Apply It

24. *What new relationships can you ask God to bring into your life this week?
25. How can you become more open-minded toward others?
26. Starting today, how can you help another Christian move beyond his or her cultural limits?

Peter at Cornelius' House - [Acts 10:24-48](#)

Topics: [Acceptance](#), [Forgiveness](#), [God](#), [Good News](#), [Holy Spirit](#), [Jesus Christ](#), [People](#), [Power](#), [Praise](#), [Prayer](#), [Prejudice](#), [Resurrection](#), [Witnessing](#)

Open It

1. If you could have been born and raised in another culture, in which one would you like to have been raised? Why?
2. *If a family from another country moved in next door, how might you welcome them to the neighborhood?
3. When was the first time you faced prejudice?

Explore It

4. Who was with Peter when he arrived in Caesarea? ([10:23-24](#))
5. How had Cornelius prepared for Peter's visit? ([10:24-25](#))
6. How did Peter refuse the centurion's homage? ([10:25-26](#))
7. Who was inside the centurion's house? ([10:27](#))
8. What did Peter say to show that he had learned what God had wanted him to learn? ([10:28-29](#))
9. What did Peter ask? ([10:29](#))
10. How did Cornelius respond? ([10:30-33](#))
11. *In what way was Peter's understanding of God changed by his vision? ([10:34-35](#))
12. *What was Peter's message to the group? ([10:34-43](#))
13. How was Peter's message interrupted? ([10:44-46](#))
14. *Why did Peter suddenly stop talking? ([10:44-46](#))
15. What happened to the non-Jewish believers to show the Jewish believers that God accepted them? ([10:44-46](#))
16. How did the circumcised believers react to what happened? ([10:45-46](#))
17. How did Peter sum up what had happened? ([10:47-48](#))
18. What did Peter command? ([10:48](#))
19. In what ways was fellowship between believing Jews and believing non-Jews improved during Peter's stay in Caesarea? ([10:48](#))

Get It

20. *How do cultural and religious barriers hinder growth in our faith?
21. *If you had a vision like Peter's, what deep-seated prejudices would you be called on to get rid of?
22. How would Cornelius and his group fare at your church?
23. Why might someone visiting your church for the first time feel unwelcome?
24. What could you and others do to make people of all kinds feel welcome in your church?
25. What cultural and religious barriers hinder growth in your church?
26. How is your pastor like Peter?
27. How could your pastor benefit from an encounter with Cornelius and Peter?
28. How can your church be open to the power of the Holy Spirit in a new way?
29. If someone asked you to tell them about your faith, what would you say?

Apply It

30. *What is the first step you could take to show respect for a racial or cultural group that is different from you?
31. How can you be an effective witness for Christ this week among people who are different from you?