

**FOOD TIME:** (30-45 minutes) – Remember to give some direction for this time.

**MEETING TIME:** (45 minutes)

Peter is continuing his work in spreading the name of Jesus. In chapter 10, we are introduced to Cornelius who is a Roman centurion. This is a man who fears God, but that does not mean that he has accepted Jesus. Cornelius then receives a vision to have Peter come and preach the name of Jesus. Peter then gets a vision and a call to also go with the men to see Cornelius. We pick up in the end of chapter 10 and Peter is preaching to Cornelius and his men. We see that the message is not just for a specific few, but that God's intention is to have everyone know the name of Jesus Christ.

**READ Acts 10:34-43**

**34** Then Peter opened his mouth and said: "In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality. **35** But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him. **36** The word which God sent to the children of Israel, preaching peace through Jesus Christ- He is Lord of all- **37** that word you know, which was proclaimed throughout all Judea, and began from Galilee after the baptism which John preached: **38** how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him. **39** And we are witnesses of all things which He did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem, whom they killed by hanging on a tree. **40** Him God raised up on the third day, and showed Him openly, **41** not to all the people, but to witnesses chosen before by God, even to us who ate and drank with Him after He arose from the dead. **42** And He commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify that it is He who was ordained by God to be Judge of the living and the dead. **43** To Him, all the prophets witness that, through His name, whoever believes in Him will receive remission of sins.

**FACILITATE Discussion Questions**

1. Cornelius is a Roman centurion. What does this tell about who the gospel message is intended for?
2. What does Peter's obedience show about his faithfulness here?
3. Why does Peter being a witness to the works of Jesus add to him spreading the gospel?
4. Peter shows a very strong boldness in sharing the gospel to Roman soldiers. How can he do this?
5. What does Peter's boldness and confidence in the Spirit encourage you to have boldness today?

**PRAY-** Take the last 10 minutes to pray about the needs of the group.

**APPLICATION-** Putting yourself in both Cornelius and Peter's shoes, they obediently follow what the Lord is telling them to do. Imagine Peter here where he gets told to go and find a Roman soldier, someone that could easily arrest him and put him in prison. But he knows he is empowered by the Spirit and he boldly walks into the Roman camp and preaches the name of Jesus. He is not afraid to speak the truth and share the gospel. The application for this week is following the last discussion question: How can you use the boldness and confidence in the Spirit to help encourage you? Is there someone that you know that you have had on your heart and you just haven't built up the nerve to talk with them yet? Is there something that the Lord has been putting on your heart, but you are nervous to take that bold step. Look at what Peter as well as the other disciples walked through. They spoke boldly to people who wanted to kill them, and yet they still shared the word of God. Maybe this is the week where you have that tough conversation, or you take that step of boldness and do what you keep trying to avoid. **"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your paths."** Proverbs 3:5-6