

SOMETHING NEW • A STUDY THROUGH THE BOOK OF

ACTS

ACTS 10 DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

BIG IDEA: In this message, Pastor Matt talked about how God's transforming power (the Gospel) makes unclean things clean.

Study the following commentary for additional insight:

<https://www.preceptaustin.org/acts-10-commentary>

Four Observations from this text to consider:

1. God prepares people to receive the gospel before they ever hear the gospel.
2. God prepares us to share the gospel.
3. The gospel compels us to go to people and places we normally wouldn't.
4. The gospel is good news and is for everyone who believes

START THINKING. Ask this question to get your LifeGroup thinking.

- When was the last time you found yourself in a situation with people or in a place that you normally wouldn't go? What happened? Why were you there?

START TALKING. Ask these questions to get your LifeGroup talking.

- Instead of reading the entire story, ask if someone in your group can summarize what happens in Acts 10.

Read Acts 10:9-16

- Why was Peter apprehensive to follow the voice in the dream that told him to eat the food on the sheet? (Reference Leviticus 11 if your group is interested in seeing the list of clean and unclean foods.)

The Jewish laws (including the food laws) were something that God had fulfilled in Jesus (Matthew 5:17-20). While these laws were God-given, it's not unusual for Christians to have man made rules and regulations that prevent us from reaching out to people different than us.

- What are some that come to mind? Why do we abide by them?
- Have you ever experienced criticism for going against them?

START SHARING. Ask this question to get your LifeGroup sharing.

- In this passage we see that Peter's dream was one way that God prepared Peter to share the gospel with Cornelius. How do you feel like God is preparing you?
- In this story, both Cornelius and Peter are responsive to the Spirit's prompting in their life (v5, v19-20). Do you believe that God is at work in your life leading you to connect with other people? Are or are you not responding? Why?
- Does anyone in your group have an example of God leading you to connect with someone different than you? How did you know it was God leading you?
- Acts 10 is a pivotal story in the NT. It's the official moment of Jesus bring Jews and Gentiles together as one new family. Take a minute and read Ephesians 2:11-22.

What strikes you about this passage?

START PRAYING.

Close your time in prayer.