

PERSONAL REFLECTION GUIDE

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- What main point from the sermon stood out to you? What did the Holy Spirit convict you of or encourage you with?
- What is your church's reputation in the community? Among other like-minded churches in the area?
- **Read Acts 10:1-33.** What are some things we learn about Cornelius?
- What events lead Peter to visiting Cornelius?
- In **Leviticus 11:1-47**, the Law details foods that are determined unclean, and therefore forbidden for the Jewish people to eat. These laws were to distinguish Israel as God's people, making them distinct by what they ate. What do you think God is teaching Peter in Acts 10? How does that lesson apply to you today?
- Peter was likely very uncomfortable visiting a Gentle Centurion, but he still obeyed. How are you allowing God to lead you out of your comfort zone?
- **Read Acts 10:34-48.** In your own words, what does it mean to "fear God" (v 34-35)?
- What did Peter need to understand in order to be in a position to declare the gospel to Gentiles?
- What do you – and the whole church – need to learn from this account?
- Think of one person you would be uncomfortable to share the Gospel with or you think are "too far" from Jesus – maybe a coworker who has a reputation, a family member who has been harsh, a neighbor who is constantly grumpy. Take a moment to pray for him/her. What would be a first step towards sharing the gospel with him/her? (Ideas: Write a letter that shares the Gospel, send a text, invite them to coffee, set up a play date with y'all's kids). What will you do?
- Based on this passage or the sermon, what is one step of obedience the Holy Spirit is leading you towards this week. Who will you tell about this step, in order to help you?

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK

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A few tips to get started: (1) Make this a phone-free conversation. You and your family put the phones away, except for the person who looks up the Scriptures. He/She would read the passage and then put his/her phone away. (2) Set the pace for how vulnerable to be. If you give a shallow answer, you are more likely to get a shallow answer from your kids. (3) Do not feel like you have to ask all of these questions. Just focus on having a good honest discussion.

Open with prayer, asking God to lead you to know more about Christ and live like Him.

- What stood out to you from the sermon this week? What challenged or encouraged you?
- Is there a group or person you've avoided because they're different?
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- What does Peter mean when he says, "God does not show favoritism"? (**Acts 10:34**) Why is that statement important?
- Are there people today that we treat like "unclean" or "outsiders"? How can you and me reflect God's heart better?
- Has God ever asked you to step out of your comfort zone like Peter? What would you do if he did, or what did you do when he did?
- Cornelius was devout and generous, but he still needed to hear about Jesus. What does this say about the importance of sharing the gospel—even with "good" people?
- Who is a "good person" in your life who still needs to hear about Jesus from you? How and when will you tell them?
- What is one thing you want to put in practice from these passages or the sermon?

Ask if there is some way you can pray for your family members, and then close in prayer.

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