

Acts 10:1-48

Questions:

1. What is it about Simon Peter, that he is the disciple God revealed the foundation (rock) of the church to (Matt 16:13-20) and yet he often shows dispositions to oppose progress of the church? Do you find yourself acting like Peter in your own journey as a disciple of Jesus? Explain.
2. In our study of the 9th chapter of Acts, we learned about the conversion encounter of Saul, when Jesus stopped Saul from opposing the church, and appointed Saul to work for the growth of the church. In today's study of the 10th chapter of Acts, Peter has an encounter with an angel of God in verse 9-23. Discuss how Peter's encounter with the Angel can also be described as a conversion encounter. In what ways was Peter opposing the Church prior to this encounter? How is Peter now going to work for the growth of the church?
3. In verse 1-8, God shows his saving grace to Cornelius, a gentile, through an angel. The angel, however, referred Cornelius to Peter so Peter could preach to Cornelius about salvation through Jesus. Why didn't the Angel of God preach to Cornelius about Jesus? As a disciple yourself, what is significant about this for you that the angel referred Cornelius to a fellow disciple?
4. Comment on the difference in attitude of Cornelius when he says in his vision, "What do you want sir/lord" (v.4); versus the attitude of Peter when he says in his vision, "I can't do that Lord" (v.14).
5. How does Peter's understanding of the vision he had (vs.28-29; 34-35) affirm a cross-cultural church vision? Name anything, you think makes the gathering in Cornelius' house a church? What makes it a cross-cultural church?
6. Are there any other things you wish to highlight from this chapter?