



Bridge Church Home Groups Questions

Series: Unstoppable Part 2 – A Study in Acts

Message: More Gracious than we think

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Read Acts 10:1-23 then use the following questions to kick-start your discussion:

1. In our passage today we see one example of how God was orchestrating the inclusion of Gentiles (non-Jews) into the Christian church. Cornelius and Peter were from completely different worlds (Gentile/Jew) and yet God miraculously brought them together. How does seeing God work on both ends of the situation change how you pray for people you find "unreachable" or situations that seem "impossible"?
2. Cornelius is described as a "devout and God-fearing" man who gave generously and prayed regularly, yet he didn't yet know the full story of Jesus. Based on verses 1–6, what does this tell us about how God responds to a heart that is sincerely seeking Him, even if they don't have all the "theological pieces" in place yet?
3. When the vision of the sheet appears, Peter's response is a contradiction: "Surely not, Lord!" (v. 14). He uses a title of submission ("Lord") while simultaneously saying "No." Peter was trying to be "holy" by following the old laws, but that very "holiness" was making him resistant to God's new command. Have you ever found that your own religious or cultural programming have made it hard to enter into the fullness of God's future for your life?
4. In verses 17–23, Peter is still "puzzled" by the vision when the messengers arrive. He doesn't have the full explanation yet, but the Spirit tells him to "go with them, for I have sent them." Peter had to start the journey to Caesarea before he fully understood why he was going. When has God asked you to take a "step of obedience" while you were still feeling confused or uncertain about the outcome?