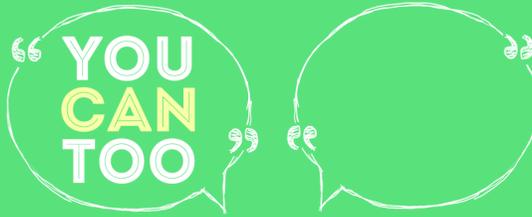


CORNELIUS



ACTS
9:32-11:18

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Was there anything about today's passage that you found particularly helpful? Is there anything you'd like to discuss further?
2. Over the past three weeks we've seen how the Lord opened the eyes of his people to take the Gospel to the uttermost places of the world. With Phillip, it was through persecution. With Paul, it was on the Damascus Road. With Peter, it was in a vision and the conversion of Cornelius. When & how did God open your eyes to the global scope of his mission? Are you responding appropriately?
3. Cornelius is an example of a "good man" without the Gospel. He respected God and God seemingly respected him (10:4). Nevertheless, Cornelius wasn't saved. Why are good works not enough? What isn't sincerity enough? How would you help someone struggling with these things? Do you struggle with it?
4. What did God do to break down Peter's racial and cultural prejudices? How does he do the same thing today? Are we open to it? In what way do those prejudices still manifest themselves in today's church environments?
5. Acts 10:34 teaches that no one is beyond the saving power of Jesus. God shows no partiality. How do we show partiality today? What needs to happen so that we begin to see/feel about people the way that God sees/feels about people?
6. Not only did Peter have a positive impact on Cornelius, Cornelius had a tremendous impact on Peter! How so? How have the unreached people in your life had a positive impact on your in your efforts to evangelize them?
7. What do we learn from this passage about being more effective in evangelism?
8. Considering our discussion, what are one or two things you can start doing today (or this week) so that you practically apply the Word to your everyday life?