

Discussion Questions
May 3, 2026 | Acts 10:1-23a
Trusting the Lord's Direction

UPWARDS – Growing in Our Relationship with God

1. The Lord says that the disciples would be his “witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth” (Acts 1:8). How does this passage demonstrate the fulfillment of His command, and how does it encourage us to trust in His Word consistently?
2. According to Acts 10:4-6, in what ways has God prepared Cornelius’s heart to receive the Gospel message?
3. God spoke to Peter, saying “Do not call anything impure that God has made clean” (v. 15). In what ways has God prepared Peter’s heart to become a messenger of the Gospel to Cornelius?

INWARDS – Growing in Fellowship with One Another

4. The message to Peter required three repetitions (v. 14-16). What do these repetitions reveal about the difficulty Peter faced in understanding God’s vision?
5. Peter was staying with “Simon the tanner” (v. 6). What does this choice of lodging tell us about breaking social taboos within the church during those days?
6. Cornelius and his family were “God-fearing,” but still needed the Gospel of salvation (v. 2). How does this inform our approach to people who fear God but have not yet met Jesus?

OUTWARDS – Reaching Those Around Us

7. Cornelius’s vision led to immediate obedience (v. 7). Why do you think Cornelius’s encounter with God led to prompt action?
8. The Spirit tells Peter to go without hesitation (v. 20). What hesitations might Peter have faced that could have hindered him from following God’s guidance?
9. Peter ultimately went to meet Cornelius in Caesarea (v. 23). What does this say about Peter’s willingness to follow God’s direction, even when it conflicted with his own views and traditions? How does his example inspire us to share the Gospel with those around us in need?