

Discussion Questions
May 10, 2026 | Acts 10:24-48
What if God Has Bigger Plans Than You Imagine?

UPWARDS – Growing in Our Relationship with God

1. As God leads Peter from Lydda to Joppa and then to Caesarea (v. 24), Peter finds himself far beyond anything he originally planned, but God had better plans for him. How does this encourage us to trust God with our future and ask Him to accomplish His purposes in our lives?
2. In Acts 10, Peter is in a Gentile home in Caesarea Maritima, preaching the gospel farther than he ever would have imagined. How is this event a fulfillment of Jesus' promise to him and the other disciples in Matthew 4:19?
3. In Matthew 16:15–16, Jesus asked Peter, "Who do you say I am?" and Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." In what ways is Peter living out that confession as he witnesses in Caesarea?

INWARDS – Growing in Fellowship with One Another

4. Peter says that "God does not show favoritism" (v. 34). How does this truth shape the way you approach people who are socially and culturally different from you?
5. Baptism symbolizes a fresh start with God in the sense that a new life under Christ has begun (2 Corinthians 5:17). Peter then says that they should "be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ" (v. 48). Why is baptism a significant step in the Christian life?
6. Cornelius states that they are gathered "in the presence of God" to hear what the Lord has commanded (v. 33). How does this view of God's immediate presence shape the way you approach personal worship?

OUTWARDS – Reaching Those Around Us

7. Cornelius called together his "relatives and close friends" to hear God's Word (v. 24). How does his example encourage us to be witnesses to those in our own personal circles?
8. Peter says that God "accepts from every nation the one who fears him" (v. 35), showing that the gospel is not just for the Jews but for all people. How do you think this fulfills God's promise in Genesis 22:18?
9. Peter says that "everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name" (v. 43). How does this promise encourage you to persevere in sharing the gospel with those around you?