

Hill Cliffe Study Guide Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2021 Acts 10

In times of big change God is Communicating with you. Our challenge is to 'look-out' for God communicating, and 'tune-in' to his message.

As you read Acts 10.1-19,

- 1. Please look out for the variety of ways in which God communicates with Cornelius and Peter. Please discuss what you observe.
- 2. God is very creative in how he connects and communicates with Peter and Cornelius. As you reflect over the past 18 months in your life, in what ways do you feel God may have been connecting and communicating with you?

In times of big change, it's tempting to pour lots of energy and thought into trying to get our lives back to 'normal'; back to the ways things were before; back on an even keel. God, however, plans for us to grow and change during times of big change, not just survive it. In the middle of the big change, God is looking to change us. During the times of the big changes in the book of Acts, Peter would doubtless have been

spending loads of time thinking and praying about how best to lead others, deal with all the challenges, and organize the church. But into the middle of all this change, God speaks personally to Peter about something that needed to change in him.

Please read Acts 10.19-35

- 3. Peter had developed an ungodly blind spot in his attitude towards Gentiles. How had this developed in Peter's life? And why was it important that God dealt with it?
- 4. What are some of the blind spots that God has dealt with in your life in the past? How had you ended up with these blind spots, and how did God change you?
- 5. In the middle of our own time of big change, how do you feel God is working to change you now to better reflect his mind and his way?

In times of big change, it is time to make changes in our lives to reflect the priorities and character of God.

Please read Acts 10.35-47

6. What changes do you need to make to reflect God's priorities for your life going forward?