



Hill Cliffe Study Guide Sunday 12 June 2022

Please read Acts 10.1-8

1. How would you describe the way in which God deals with Cornelius?
2. What was significant about Cornelius' response to God's message/ messenger?

Please read Acts 10. 9-23

3. How is the manner of God's dealings with Peter different to that of Cornelius?
4. Why do you think God chooses to communicate with Peter in this way?
5. What do you think of how Peter responds to God's leading?

God commands Cornelius and Peter to trust and obey Him in stepping out in faith in response to God's leading through visions, a voice from Heaven, and angelic messengers – overcoming fear in choosing to living by faith and not by sight – choosing also to obey rather than dismiss or delay their response to God's leading.

6. How might this approach revolutionize your walk of faith?
7. Why was Cornelius and Peter's decision to obey rather than dismiss or delay God's leading so vital in the unfolding drama?

Please read Acts 10. 23-29

8. Why do you think it took Peter so long to come to this realization? Which areas of spiritual realization have been a long-time coming for you? Why?

Please read Acts 10. 30-33 (See also Nehemiah 2. 4-5)

9. When you're on the spot and you're required to speak out in faith – can you trust God?

Please read Acts 10. 34-36

10. How is Peter's realisation that God accepts people from every nation different from the concept of 'universalism' (watch back on the sermon for help with this if needed)?

Please read Acts 10. 37-48

11. What happens in response to Peter's preaching about Jesus, and why does it shock the Jewish Christians accompanying Peter?

God spoke in different ways to Cornelius and Peter

He commanded them to obey the steps of God's leading

He commanded them to step forward in faith and not be derailed by fear

He called them to follow Him in being a blessing to one another

God opens up his blessing to those who trust Him and walk by faith and not by sight

He still does today - Be attentive to the voice of God - Be Obedient to his command – Be a blessing