

## My Witnesses - A Study of Acts Discussion Guide: Week 28 - Acts 10:24-48

**Summary of this week's teaching:** This week's text continues the account of Peter and Cornelius. As we covered last week, Peter was given a vision which directly confronted his views on what (and who) was common and unclean. He was then commanded to accompany a group of Gentiles back to Cornelius' home. This week we examined what took place once he arrived, and it was monumental! In a surprise twist, the Lord granted salvation to the Gentiles! God gifted them the Holy Spirit, and confirmed all of this by manifesting His presence among them in the same ways He did at Pentecost. This small meeting in Cornelius' home changed the course of human history.

**Connect:** Relational questions to get conversations started.

1. When was the moment that salvation came into your life? What circumstances led up to the moment of your salvation?

**Seed:** The Bible, God's inspired Word, is very much like a seed - it contains everything we need to experience life. Please read the following passage of scripture as a group: (perhaps in two different translations) Acts 10:24-48.

1. Why do you think that Cornelius attempted to worship Peter? What lesson(s) do you think he learned when Peter forced him to stop? Are we ever guilty of worshiping people instead of God? If so, how?
2. What groups or types of people are we prone to treat as "common" or "unclean" today? Instead of avoiding and shunning these people, how ought believers behave toward them?

**Roots:** Like subterranean tree roots which extend in all directions searching out water, each believer needs to grow and develop spiritual roots that allow us to make personal connections with our God.

1. The events of Acts 10 began when God unexpectedly moved in the lives of praying, believing people. What role does prayer play in your pursuit to connect more deeply with the Lord? Has He ever unexpectedly moved in your life? Please share.

**Trunk:** Without trunks, plants may be large, useful, and beautiful, but they are not trees. The same is true for our faith - without it we are not saved and cannot please God. These questions will help us grow our faith in Him.

1. How does this passage impact your faith? What lessons of faith does it contain?

**Crown:** Crowns are the glory of a tree; the culmination of the roots and trunk working in harmony and can be seen for miles around. The crown of a tree represents the visible portion of our faithlife. These questions will encourage us to apply these principles into our everyday lives.

1. Who in your life needs salvation? Would you be willing to make a list of 3-10 people and commit to pray for them, by name, every day, from now until God saves them?

