

Calvary Family Night

Personal Growth Elective

September 2011 thru May 2011

Lesson 14 Peter First Mission Acts 9:32-43, Acts 10, Acts 11:1-18

Day 1 From last week's lecture, what thoughts were new and challenging to you? Because of this, has something changed in you this week?

List all of the impressive characteristics of the early church that we should emulate today.

Day 2 Read Acts 9:32-43

What was different about the mourners in Mark 5:35-43 versus those who mourned Tabitha?

Peter "visited the Lord's people who lived in Lydda" and in so doing blessed many. Tabitha "was always doing good and helping the poor". Who is the Lord placing on your heart right now to visit and in what ways can you bless and help them?

Read Acts 9:43 and Acts 10:23 Why were these significant steps for Peter towards being open to the new direction God was taking him?

Day 3 Read Acts 10:1-23

Describe how Cornelius and Peter individually responded to the visions God gave them. In what ways were the responses similar and in what ways were they different?

What do you think was the meaning of Peter's vision? List any long-held but possibly misguided rules, beliefs, or biases you may have. Discuss these with your group or another mature Christian.

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Day 4 Acts 10:23-48

How did Cornelius demonstrate that he cared more about his faith in God than what others may think of him? How had he already demonstrated this in Acts 10:7-8?

What did Peter say to demonstrate his newfound understanding of his vision?

Summarize the good news of the gospel that Peter gave Cornelius' family and friends.

Day 5 Read Acts 10:44-48

What was the evidence that Cornelius' family and friends had been filled with the Holy Spirit? In this instance, why do you think this evidence was so important? What was Peter's response?

Today commit to memorizing one of the following verses: **Matthew 28:19-20**

- Write the verse on a small piece of paper and place it in your pocket
- Repeat it while driving, before meals, and before bed
- Share it with some one at work and at home
- Repeat it until you can say it without looking at the paper

Day 6 Read Acts 11:1-18 and Acts 5:27-33

Contrast each group's response to Peter as he spoke to them explaining his experiences and reasons for his actions in each instance.

Where are you criticized or ridiculed for evidence of your faith? Have your group pray that you will respond with courage, faith, love, and truth so that God may be glorified in it