

Questions for Life Groups 21/01/24

Risk Taking - Acts 10 - Peter and Cornelius

1. How do the accounts of Cornelius' and Peter's visions illustrate the theme of God's intervention and revelation?
2. At this time there was a real divide between Jews and Gentiles. There are many similar situations in the world today, but are there any in our community that we should be aware of and address, as we seek to reach out with God's love?
3. The Jewish laws (including food laws) were something that God fulfilled in Jesus. (Matt 5 v 17- 20). While these laws were given by God, sometimes Christians have man-made rules and regulations or just traditions that prevent us from reaching out to people different to us. Do any come to mind or have you been criticised for going against them?
4. How does Peter's relationship with God affect his obedience? (Verse 14 is interesting. Peter calls him Lord but initially says no to God's instruction).
5. God 'got to Cornelius' before Peter did. Do you have examples of God preparing people before you speak to them?
6. How many times in Peter's speech (v 44-48) is the word 'witness' or similar implication used? Why is this important in our evangelism?
7. There are so many characters in the bible who took big risks for God. Is there anyone in particular who stands out or has had a profound influence on you and inspired you to take a big risk?