



Read this week's scripture and answer the questions below. As you read, consider how these verses fit into what you are seeing or experiencing today. Prepare to share with your small group anything that jumped out at you, confused you, encouraged you, challenged or convicted you.

1. Read verses 9:32-35. Peter heals Aeneas. Have we seen this type of thing before? John 5:8. Where does the power come from? Who gets the glory? In prayer today, thank God for his healing...or ask Him for it.
2. Read verses 9:36-43. Have we seen something like this before? Mark 5: 35-43. Note verse Acts 9:40, what does Peter do before he speaks? Spend some time assessing your prayer life, but not too long...turn your thoughts into prayer.
3. Spend time in 10: 1-7. Cornelius is aware. He is available. He is attentive. He is ready to act...though the outcome is not clear. Consider the faith of Cornelius. Consider the ways in which God prepared his steps. What encouragement or conviction can we take from this passage? Let this lead you to prayer.
4. Read verses 9-23. Note a few things. What is Peter doing on the roof in verse 9? What new commandment is given in verse 15? See the welcome, the hospitality extended to Gentiles in verse 23. Peter is called to listen, trust, and follow in new ways. Are you being called to trust, follow, and listen in new ways? Take these questions to prayer today.
5. Read verses 23-33. The gospel is on the move. Peter is sent. Cornelius is ready to receive. Don't miss Peter's humility in verse 26. Let this section of scripture sink in. Are you being called out? Are you putting yourself in the position to receive the gospel? A body of water without an inlet goes dry; a body of water without an outlet grows stagnant. Pray for living water to flow in and out of you today.
6. Take your time in verses 34-43. Here the Word preaches itself. Hear the gospel afresh today.
7. Read verses 44-48. The Holy Spirit falls on those who were once far off. The gospel Jesus preached is coming to fruition: the Kingdom has come near and it is available, in power, for all who believe on Him. Rest in these amazing truths today and let them lead you to prayer.

Notes/Prayer Request

Acts 9:15
But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel.