

## Questions for discussion and application

- Read Acts 10:34-48. In your own words, communicate what's going on in this chapter. What stands out to you? What observations do you have? Is there anything in the passage that convicts or challenges you? If so, what?
- Read Acts 10:1-33. Why is this backstory so important? How does Peter's encounter with Cornelius clear up the visions Peter had? (See Acts 10:27-29)
- What does Peter communicate about Jesus' life and ministry?
- What is meant by "Good news of *peace*" in verse 36? See Ephesians 2:17
- What does Peter communicate about Jesus' death and resurrection?
- How did Jesus want Peter (and now us) to speak of him? See Acts 10:42-43.
- Why is it important we understand "the story behind the story" of Jesus?
- Are there any racial, cultural or social barriers to sharing the gospel in your own life? Have you drawn any boundary lines that shouldn't be there? Have you considered some people too far from God? If so what are / were those lines? How do we fight against them?
- Are you convinced God has called you to share the truth about Jesus with others? What are some of your greatest concerns / fears? What holds you back?
- Read Romans 1:16-17. How does knowing *the gospel is the power of God for salvation* encourage you?
- Take some time and pray for Jesus to give you the opportunity to speak of him - with neighbors, friends, co-workers, family members, or someone specific. It's a bold prayer and one he may answer in an unexpected way!

## Speak of Jesus

### Acts 10:34-48

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Every disciple of Jesus has been given the privilege and responsibility to speak the good news of Jesus to others.

Backstory - Acts 10:1-33

## 1. Peter speaks of Jesus' life and ministry (Acts 10:34-38)

He speaks of Jesus as Lord of all and the way to have *peace* with God.

= this *peace* isn't simply the absence of strife  
between God and man  
but the blessing of relationship / **reconciliation**.

He speaks of Jesus as The Christ / Messiah - the long anticipated Anointed King whose life and ministry demonstrate his authority / power.

God made clear how people would recognize the Christ, his anointed King, when He came = Isaiah 35:4-6

Speak as those who have received in Jesus the answer to something long-awaited for!

## 2. Peter speaks of Jesus' death and resurrection (Acts 10:39-41)

- Deuteronomy 21:23
- Isaiah 53:11
- 1 John 1:1-3

## 3. Peter speaks of Jesus the way Jesus commanded him to (Acts 10:42-43)

**As judge of the living and the dead** Daniel 7:13-14; John 5:27; 1 Thessalonians 1:10

**As the one the prophets testify about**  
= everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins  
Isaiah 33:24; 53:4-6, 11; Jeremiah 31:34; Daniel 9:24

Cornelius has been on the outside looking in.

Don't forget - every time we speak of Jesus with others they stand at a crossroads. The power of God is behind the message we speak. Romans 1:16-17