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Bible Project



Free Commentary



Free Crossway Study

### LET'S CHECK IN:

1. Briefly share: over the last week, what's one way you've noticed God working in your life? Or in the lives of others? In your community? In the world? Or share something that happened in the last week you are grateful for!

### LET'S GET STARTED:

2. Icebreaker: What's been the most challenging task, assignment, etc. that you were asked to do? Did you follow the orders? How'd you respond?

### LET'S DIVE IN!

3. First, read together Acts 9:32-10:48. Think back to the message and the Big Idea: **When our obedience becomes more steadfast, our lives reflect more of Jesus.** Was there an idea or aspect of the text spoke to you? Was there anything said that challenged, intrigued or confused you that you want to explore more? Listen to each other, but don't feel the need to answer a person's question.
4. In Acts 9:32-35, when Peter encounters Aeneas he says "Jesus Christ heals you" (Acts 9:34). He understands that Jesus is working to build his church. As is often the case in Acts, miracles such as this healing lead to the advancement of the gospel. The news spreads beyond the town and all the residents "turned to the Lord" (Acts 9:35). How is this similar to the healing of the lame man and the preaching of the gospel in Acts 3?
5. In what ways was Peter's raising of Tabitha similar to the miracle that Jesus performed at the house of Jairus (Matt. 9:18-23; Mark 5:21-43; Luke 8:40-56)? How does Peter's obedience mirror the ways and the heart of Jesus?

6. Peter is given a strange and disturbing vision. To better understand the symbolism, read Isaiah 11:12 and Jeremiah 49:36 to see the language of four corners. Read Leviticus 20:25–26 to understand the food laws. When voice then tells Peter to “kill and eat,” why is his initial response so strong? Why does he resist? He doesn’t initially understand the meaning of the vision, but the Holy Spirit leads him to three Gentiles (Acts 10:17–18). Later, Peter puts all the pieces together (Acts 10:28). How would you describe the connection God is making for Peter between the unclean animals in the vision and Cornelius and his household? What does food have to do with people?
7. In the story of Peter and Cornelius, we see one of the most revolutionary features of the good news: its demolition of the barrier between Jews and Gentiles. This story is the longest in Acts, which shows it is a very significant moment in the gospel’s advance. Why was it significant? For our world, what do you see are some barriers today that that gospel can and must overcome?

### WHATS YOUR NEXT STEP?

8. As disciples, we must learn to have more unwavering, steadfast obedience that comes from new thinking. What’s one area where you need transformation in your own obedience unto the Lord to more reflect his heart?

*(Consider areas: a temptation to avoid? Promise to claim? Example to follow? Command to obey? Person to move toward? A new discipline to develop that will help you love God with your heart, soul, mind, strength and to love others?)*