

Understand your Bible

Suggested notes

Acts 10

What we will see in this chapter:

- The visions of Cornelius and Peter
- Cornelius' reception of Peter
- Peter's message to Cornelius
- The significance of Cornelius' conversion for the early church

1 Read the chapter

2 Questions to help us in our understanding of this chapter. Look at the chapter verses in your Bible and use the questions to help you make your notes.

Chapter verses	Questions (to help with your notes)	Suggested notes
1 to 3	1. What are we told about Cornelius?	Cornelius was a Roman soldier who believed in and served God and was charitable. He saw an angel of God in a vision.
4 to 8	2. What did the angel tell him to do?	He was told by an angel to send men from Caesarea to Joppa to fetch Peter.
9 to 14	3. What happened to Peter before Cornelius' men arrived? <i>Text note v 14: The law of Moses says some animals are unclean and are not to be eaten</i>	Peter had a vision. He saw all kinds of animals which he was invited to kill and eat. He declined because the animals were unclean.
15 & 16	4. What was Peter told three times?	Three times he was told not to regard as unclean what God had cleansed.
17 to 20	5. What was Peter told to do?	Peter was told to go with the men who had arrived and not to doubt.
21 to 23	6. What did Cornelius' men tell Peter?	Cornelius' men told Peter that an angel had told Cornelius to send for him to hear what he had to say.
24 to 26	7. What did Cornelius do when Peter arrived and what was Peter's response?	When Peter arrived, Cornelius tried to worship him. Peter stopped him and told him that he was also a man.
27 to 33	8. What did Peter say God had shown him?	God had shown him that he shouldn't call any man unholy or unclean.

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34 & 35	9. What did Peter tell Cornelius he had just realised?	Peter told Cornelius that he had realised that God doesn't show favouritism. Anyone who fears him and works righteousness is acceptable to him.
36 to 43	10. What did Peter tell Cornelius about Jesus?	Peter told Cornelius: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ God sent good news to Israel through Jesus ➤ God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit ➤ God raised him from the dead ➤ Jesus is to be Judge
44 to 46	11. What happened as Peter was talking and what effect did it have on the circumcised (i.e. Jews) who were there?	Cornelius and his household received the Holy Spirit. The Jews were amazed that the Holy Spirit had been given to Gentiles (non-Jews).
47 & 48	12. What did Peter say and command should happen?	He asked if anyone could stop these people from being baptised. He commanded them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ.

3 First-century Christian beliefs in this chapter.

Peter considered these beliefs to be important. Make a note of what beliefs you see in these verses in Acts 10.

Chapter verse(s)	Belief(s)
v 34 & 35	Anyone can be acceptable to God by respecting him and doing what God regards as right.
v 38	God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit and power enabling him to heal.
v 39 & 40	Jesus was put to death by the Jews, but God raised him from the dead.
v 42 & 43	Jesus is to be Judge and there is forgiveness of sins for those who believe.