
ACTS 10 The Gospel to the Gentiles

The events of this chapter mark another huge step for God's Kingdom. There was a lot of racial/religious/cultural tension between the Jews (who had hundreds of rules about what is clean or "holy" (like the Temple, certain foods and animals, etc.) and what is unclean or defiled (like certain other foods and animals, dead bodies, certain diseases, and anyone who touched these things which included many Jews and certainly all non-Jews). Now Peter is told by God to enter the "unclean" house of an "unclean" man and share Jesus with him.

Think

How do you think Peter felt about the mission, given his upbringing and religious background?

Compare Peter's response to Jonah the Prophet's response (Jonah 1:3; 4:2, 3).

Talk

1. How did God prepare Peter for this mission?
2. Peter (and the other disciples) failed many "tests" that Jesus gave them before they were filled with the Spirit in Acts 2. How did Peter do in this test?
3. How did the other Jews who were with Peter handle the situation (verse 45)?

Act

Is there someone in your life that would take a special step for you to reach out to because they are of a different culture, religion or social circle? Begin a conversation with them by asking, "How can I pray for you?" or "Will you tell me about your spiritual journey? Where are you in your relationship with God?" or a similar question.