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1. What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
2. What does this story teach me about myself?
3. Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
4. Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
5. How does this story help me to live on mission better?



Unit 32 • Session 2

PETER LEARNED THAT JESUS IS FOR ALL

Acts 10

WHAT IS THE CHURCH?

THE CHURCH IS ALL CHRISTIANS EVERYWHERE, WHO GATHER TOGETHER IN THEIR COMMUNITIES TO WORSHIP AND SERVE GOD.

Cornelius was an officer in the Roman army who lived in Caesarea (sess uh REE uh). Cornelius always prayed to God. One afternoon, Cornelius saw an angel of God in a vision which frightened him. The angel said to him, "God has heard your prayers." Then the angel told Cornelius to send for a man named Peter. So Cornelius sent two of his servants and one soldier to Joppa.

The next day, Peter went up on the roof of the house to pray. Peter saw a vision of something like a large sheet coming down from heaven. In the sheet were all kinds of animals, reptiles, and birds. A voice said to him, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat!"

"No, Lord!" Peter said. "I have never eaten anything that is unclean or used for sacrifices." A voice said to him, "God has made these clean." This happened three times, and then the whole thing was taken up into heaven.

Then Cornelius' men arrived. They explained that Cornelius had seen a vision. So Peter went with the men to Caesarea.

When Peter got to Cornelius' house, he explained that God had sent good news to the Israelites: Jesus is Lord of all. Peter said, "Everyone who believes in Jesus will have their sins forgiven."

As Peter said this, the Holy Spirit came down on those who heard the message. Cornelius, his friends, and his relatives were baptized.

Christ Connection: God showed Peter that just as there is no "clean" and "unclean" food in Christ, there are no "clean" and "unclean" people. God calls believers to tell everyone the good news about Jesus, no matter who they are or where they come from. Jesus is the Lord of all.

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