STUDY GUIDE

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[set up]

Do you remember going from just knowing about Jesus to being transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit?

Is there a certain type of person or people group with which you have chosen not to associate or that you even avoid?

[digging deeper]

Read Genesis 12:1-3. God said He will bless ______ families of the earth.

Read Acts 1:8. How far will the gospel spread?

Read Acts 9:32 - 11:18.

Do you think Cornelius was "born again" prior to Peter coming and speaking to him about Jesus?

In what ways do you see Peter softening toward the Gentile nation? Read Leviticus 11 and discuss why Peter staying with a tanner is a big deal.

What was Cornelius's attitude toward Peter coming with a message from God? Who did he invite? What is the condition of our hearts when we prepare to attend Sunday worship services? Do we expect to hear from God?

Salvation occurs when God grants us repentance of our sin and gives us the Holy Spirit. Why is evidence that a person has been "born again" so important?

Peter and the six companions went to Jerusalem to tell the church all that they had seen and experienced. They were all witnesses to a new covenant that God established with the Gentiles. Why was it good that Peter did not experience this miracle alone?

How was the church now to view the Gentile nation?

[living it out]

When Peter came to the Gentiles he "opened his mouth" and shared the good news of Jesus Christ. Ask God to give you an opportunity to share the good news of Jesus this week.

Is there anyone you have said that you would never invite into your home or go into theirs? Look for opportunities to build a relationship with a person or a people group that you may have a prejudice towards.

International Friends is a great resource to help build relationships with people of different cultural backgrounds and religions. Remember Jesus died for "ALL" people.