



Acts 10
Peter & Cornelius

- to
the world

Sunday March 25th 2018

When God works:

'...to the world'

Acts 10v1-48

- **A world of difference**

"The new default setting is 'no religion', and the few who are religious see themselves as swimming against the tide," He said. "In 20 or 30 years' time, mainstream churches will be smaller, but the few people left will be highly committed."

Stephen Bullivant. Quoted in the Guardian 21.3.18

- **'The time had fully come'...to grow up!**

- **What we believe matters (10v1-8)**

- **The time has come (10v9-23)**

•**F.A.T. believers...Faithful, available & teachable (v23-33)**

•**God accepts all who believe (v34-43)**

•**God's stamp of approval (v44-48)**

Conversation starter:

What characteristics make someone or something trustworthy?

Growth group questions

You will find it helpful to have heard the talk so why not listen at <http://leightonbaptists.org.uk/media-links/current-teaching/>

Some of these questions are personal and others are more general. Feel free to pick and choose which questions your group will find most helpful.



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1. God perfectly works in the lives of Peter and Cornelius causing their lives to coincide wonderfully. Do you have examples of doing this in your life recently?
2. What do you think the challenge to Peters faith felt like? What difference does knowing the Lord made such huge changes in Peter's faith after he had been 'set aside' as an apostle make?
3. What do the verses show Cornelius needed in order to be saved? What does the passage suggest wasn't a hindrance to him being saved.
4. What part did Cornelius' 'good works' have in his becoming a believer?
5. We talked about being F.A.T. Are you? What does each characteristic look like? What would growing in these areas look like in our lives?
6. Read Acts 11v1-18. What did the apostles struggle with? Why? How were these problems overcome in the verses? Is this an encouragement?
7. We are not free to have prejudice in the Christian community. Do we? If so, where? How should we respond?

Pray that we would have hearts moved by the Spirit to worship God and speak of him.