



Acts - The Expansion of the Church - The Conversion of Peter

Acts 9:32-10:23

Discussion Questions for May 17th, 2026

- (Icebreaker) Peter is hungry, falls into a trance, then sees tasty animals floating closer. Have you ever been watching TV while hungry and then a commercial comes on with a delicious meal to entice you? What type of food would be most enticing to you?
- Main Idea: Through Jesus, God is Creating a New People and a New Home** Why do you think it was so difficult for Peter to understand the nature of God's new people? Which Bible passages did Pastor Shaen mention that should have helped Peter? (Genesis 12:3, Matthew 28:19, Acts 1:8) Can you think of any more? (Isaiah 49:6 or 56:6-8, Jonah, Luke 4:25-27, John 3:16, John 12:32, and many more)
- Point #1: This Home Will Have...No Weaknesses.** Peter heals Aeneas and raises Tabitha. What do these miracles reveal about the character and mission of Jesus continuing through the early church?
- Point #2: This Home Will Have...No Death.** Tabitha is remembered for her kindness and generosity. What impact do "quiet" acts of service have in the life of the church today?
- Point #3: This Home Will Have...All Types of People.** Peter stayed with Simon the tanner in Joppa - a detail that may have stretched Jewish cultural expectations because tanners were considered ceremonially unclean. What might this tell us about how God was already preparing Peter's heart for what comes next in Acts 10?
- Cornelius is called "devout" and "God-fearing," yet he still needs to hear the gospel. How does this passage contribute to our understanding of salvation, general revelation, and the necessity of Christ?
- Couldn't the angel have just told Cornelius directly what he needed to know about Jesus? Actually, couldn't

Jesus have just appeared? Why do you think God arranged for Peter and Cornelius to meet instead?

8. Pray together that we will welcome ALL kinds of people into our church. Pray for our tenderness of heart and eyes that can look past cultural or societal boundaries so the gospel of Jesus might advance.