

# THIS IS HOW WE GOSPEL

Week 2: Peter at Cornelius' house. (Acts 10)

## HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

To keep your group healthy and growing, center your time together around the Word, prayer, relationships, and outreach. This guide will help you engage Acts 10:34-48 through observation, interpretation, and application, in line with this week's big idea: **God sends us to preach the gospel to everyone, because only the gospel is good news for all people.**

## CONNECT

- Share about a time when you were surprised by someone's openness to spiritual things. What happened?

## INTRODUCTION

Acts 10 tells the powerful story of Peter preaching to Cornelius—a Roman centurion—and his Gentile household. Peter, a Jew, had to overcome cultural and religious boundaries to proclaim the gospel to people very different from himself. But God was already at work, preparing hearts. This moment becomes a turning point in the early church as the Holy Spirit falls on Gentiles just as He had on Jews. This shows us something vital: the gospel is not just for people like us—it's for *everyone*.

## OBSERVATIONS & INTERPRETATION

- **Read: Acts 10:34-38**
- What do we learn about God's character in vv. 34-35? What does it mean that He "shows no partiality"?

- Who was Cornelius, and why does his background matter? (Consider vv. 1-4 for context.)
- **Read: Acts 10:39-43**
- What are the essential elements of the gospel message Peter shares?
- Peter mentions Jesus as *judge*—why is this sometimes overlooked in how we present the gospel?
- **Read: Acts 10:44-48**
- What is surprising about what happens while Peter is still speaking?
- How does the Spirit's outpouring on Gentiles reflect the inclusive power of the gospel? What effect does this moment have on Peter's understanding of God's mission?

## APPLICATION

- How does this passage challenge the assumptions we make about who might be open to the gospel?
- Peter was changed as much as Cornelius through this encounter. How has sharing your faith grown or challenged you personally?
- What does it look like to proclaim the *whole* gospel—not just the comforting parts, but also the truth about repentance, judgment, and grace?

## PRAYER

- Thank God for His impartial love and for sending the gospel to *all nations*.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to give you boldness, compassion, and opportunities to proclaim the gospel clearly.
- Pray for specific people in your life who need to know Jesus—by name.