

Bold and Powerful
Week's reading: Acts 10:9-11:18
Discussion Guide: October 15, 2023

CHECK UP:

Memory work: Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace and was strengthened. Living in the fear of the Lord and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers. - Acts 9:31

Did you take any steps towards helping someone grow in their faith this past week?

OPEN:

- Who did you B.L.E.S.S. this past week? What action steps did you take?
 - o How did you live bold and powerful this past week?
- What stood out to you from this past week's reading?
 - o What questions do you have?

READ and ASK: Acts 10:1-11:18

- Why do you think Luke repeats the heart of this story?
- What is this text teaching us?
- How do you think you need to be more like Cornelius?
- What are some reasons we reject or avoid certain people?
 - o If you had a vision like Peter's, what deep-seated prejudices would you be called on to get rid of?
- What does this text reveal about the heart of God?
 - o What does this text reveal about the mission of God's people?
- Like Peter, when might you need to take a stand for what is right in your place of work, family, or church this week?

APPLY:

- How can you imitate the Cornelius's God-fearing lifestyle this week?
- How can you become more open minded towards others this week?
 - o What does it look like to be both open minded and God-fearing?

- NEXT STEP: In the coming days and weeks, what can you do to be an effective witness for Christ among people who are different from you?

Memory Work:

So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

- Galatians 3:26-28

Next Week's Reading:

Acts 11:19-12:19