

Bible Study Group Notes

Acts 10.34–48

THE STORY SO FAR

In Acts 10.1-33, God has prepared both Cornelius and Peter for a decisive moment. Cornelius, a Gentile, has been brought near to hear the message of Christ. Peter has been taught not to call unclean those whom God is now welcoming. In this second half of the chapter, Peter finally speaks—and the heart of the gospel is made wonderfully clear: the good news of Jesus is for all, the need for Jesus is universal, and forgiveness is received through Him alone.

Read Acts 10.34–48.

INVESTIGATE

1. What does Peter now understand in 10.34-35 about God and the people He welcomes?
2. How does Peter summarise the message in 10.36? What is the significance of the phrase “peace through Jesus Christ”?
3. Why is it significant that Peter says, “He is Lord of all” (10.36)?
4. How does Peter summarise Jesus’ life and ministry in 10.37-40?
5. Why does Peter stress that the apostles were witnesses in 10.41-42?
6. What does Peter say about Jesus in 10.42, and why is that such a searching claim?
7. What promise is given in 10.43, and how is it received?
8. What happens while Peter is still speaking in 10.44-46?
9. Why are the Jewish believers astonished in 10.45?
10. What does baptism in 10.47-48 show about these Gentile believers?

REFLECT

11. How does this passage hold together two truths: that the gospel is open to all, and that everyone must respond to Jesus?

12. What do 10.36, 10.42, and 10.43 together teach us about who Jesus is?

APPLY

13. Why is it important that the gospel offers not advice or self-improvement, but forgiveness through Jesus?

14. How might this passage challenge someone who is interested in Jesus, but has not yet trusted Him?

15. How might it challenge someone who is familiar with Christian things, but spiritually cold or casual?

16. What would it look like for us, personally and as a church, to keep pointing people to this simple centre: forgiveness through Jesus alone?

PRAY

- Thank God that the good news of Jesus is for all kinds of people.
- Ask Him to give clarity, humility, and faith as we respond to Christ.
- Pray that many would believe in Him and receive forgiveness through His name.

NB The Church Prayer Pointers for this month are available in church or on the WhatsApp group.