

Christ is King Over All

"Then Peter began to speak: 'I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism but accepts from every nation the one who fears him...You know the message God sent to the people of Israel announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ who is Lord of all.' "Acts 10:34-36"

Read Acts 10:1-8

- 1. What do you learn about Cornelius, and what was he missing? What does it teach us about Christian conversion?
- 2. How does God meet Cornelius in his need?
- 3. In what ways has God met you in a place of need recently?

Read Acts 10:9-23

- 4. How does God prepare Peter for His work among the Gentiles? Why does Peter object to God's command, and what does he discover?
- 5. Where is God working right now on a religious preconception, prejudice, or preference to make you anew in Christ?

Read Acts 10: 24-48

- 6. What great event changed the separation between Jews and Gentiles? (See 10:34-43)
- 7. In your own words, share how the gospel message is "good news of peace through Jesus Christ who is Lord over all" that breaks through every barrier (36).



8. What happens in response to Peter's clear articulation of the gospel? How would the outpouring of the Holy Spirit among Gentiles like the outpouring at Pentecost make certain God's revelation Peter? (34-43)

Read Acts 11:1-18

9. Why do the Jewish Christians criticize Peter?

10. What do you learn from Peter's response and the Christians that helps you work through a conflict?

11. How may God use a conflict or tension to teach you and others more about what it means to follow Him?

Reflect and Respond

Consider the barriers that Christ breaks through.

What aspects of the way Christ has drawn you into His story would resonate with others in your cultural and social contexts?