

# SURVEY OF THE BIBLE

## Acts: The Beginning of a New Kingdom

### Gentiles Receive the Gospel

Quarter Four, Lesson Five

**Focus Text:** Acts 9. 32 – 11. 18

**Other Readings:** Romans 3. 9 – 24; Romans 10; Galatians 3

### CONTENT

1. Were Peter's two miracles in Lydda and Joppa (as recorded in Acts 9) performed on believers or unbelievers? What impact did those miracles have on other people?
2. What was Cornelius's spiritual state at the time he sent for Peter?
3. At first, what did Peter seem to think was the purpose of the vision he saw while he was on the rooftop?
4. What attitude did Cornelius display when Peter arrived? Explain.
5. What truths about Jesus did Peter emphasize to Cornelius and those gathered with him?
6. At what point was Cornelius saved? Be prepared to defend your answer.
7. According to Acts 11. 13 – 14, why did the angel tell Cornelius to send for Peter?

According to Acts 10. 47 – 48, what did Peter tell Cornelius and the others with him to do?

8. Based on Peter's report at the beginning of chapter 11, why had he taken brethren from Joppa with him when he went to Caesarea to the house of Cornelius?
9. At what point did Peter understand fully that God was offering salvation to Gentiles as he had to the Jews?

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## CONNECTIONS

1. According to John 4. 9, why was the Samaritan woman surprised to hear Jesus ask her for water?

According to John 18. 28 – 29, why did Pilate have to come outside to discuss Jesus with his Jewish accusers?

2. According to Romans 3. 9 – 24, who among men can claim to be righteous?

What does Peter mean, then, when he says in Acts 10. 28 that “God has shown me that I should not call any man unholy or unclean?”

3. To whom, according to Romans 1. 16, is the gospel “the power of God for salvation”?

4. In Romans 10 Paul expresses special concern for whose salvation?

According to Romans 10, how does faith come? How does the story of Cornelius’s conversion illustrate that point?

5. What doctrinal issue is Paul addressing in Galatians 3?

What Old Testament passage does Paul cite as having “preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham,” and how does it relate to the story of Cornelius?

6. What did the preachers in the following accounts tell people they needed to do in order to be saved?

Passage	Occasion	Instructions
Acts 2. 37 – 41	Gathering on Pentecost	
Acts 3. 17 – 21	Temple Porch	
Acts 8. 5 – 13	Philip in Samaria	
Acts 8. 35 – 39	Philip with Ethiopian	
Acts 9. 17 – 18; 22. 12 – 16	Ananias with Saul	
Acts 10. 38 – 48	Peter with Cornelius	

## PLACES

On the blank map of Palestine provided in this booklet, show the location of Joppa, and recall what was mentioned in an earlier lesson about Caesarea.

