

CP - 11/13/22

## Acts 10:17–33 - Visions and Change, Part 2

### **Sermon Outline:**

#### **Introduction: Keys to the Kingdom (Matthew 16:15–19)**

#### **Main Truths:**

*\*Never underestimate the sovereign, providential work of God in saving people.*

*\*God does not leave our salvation up to chance.*

*\*How to display love for all people*

#### **1. Peter is obedient in uncertainty. (10:17–23a)**

\*Peter was inwardly perplexed.

\*Peter was undergoing change.

\*When God called you, He already factored in how dumb you'd be.

\*God was removing both prejudice and obstacles that would keep Gentiles from entering the fellowship. (The church/one body/one new man. God's aim is to get them saved and assembled together.)

\*No hesitation = making no distinction

\*We don't always have to see the whole picture to be obedient.

\*God often makes the picture clearer as we walk in obedience to what we know.

\*Never underestimate the sovereign, providential work of God

- God is perfectly working in Peter and Cornelius at the same exact time!

\*Peter invites them inside to be his guest.

#### **2. Peter understands the vision. (10:23b–29)**

\*Cornelius is evangelizing a message that he hasn't ever heard yet. (24)

\*Peter reminds Cornelius that he is a man not to be worshipped. (25-26)

\*Peter gets the meaning of the vision. (28)

\*Peter is still obedient but not sure why he is there. (29)

**\*It's inappropriate to worship man as divine. (do we do this unknowingly)**

**\*It's inappropriate to reject any man as unclean.**

#### **3. Cornelius explains his vision to Peter. (10:30–33)**

\*This is the third time Cornelius' vision had been explained.

\*God leaves nothing to chance in salvation.

\*When the Spirit is moving, there is a hunger for the Word of God.

**Application:****Three ways to display love for all people:**

1. Show no hesitation in befriending someone.
2. Show hospitality by opening our lives and homes.
3. Show humility before all people by living with the understanding that we are all made in the image of God.

**Small Group Questions:**

1. What spoke to you in the Bible passage and sermon Sunday morning?
2. How does it help you to see Peter's obedience even in his uncertainty?
3. How does this story speak to the sin of partiality? How did God "convert" Peter to the implications of Christianity and the Gospel being for all people?
4. How does the sovereign providence of God serve as both a source of hope and a source of boldness?
5. What are the four ways that we can show love for all people? How can you put these into practice this week?