

# **THE MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

*Doctrine and Duty for Disciples Series*

Acts of the Apostles

## **"Are You Prejudice?"**

### **Acts 10:1-16**

#### **Cornelius Obeys**

**10** There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of what was called the Italian Regiment, <sup>2</sup> a devout *man* and one who feared God with all his household, who gave alms generously to the people, and prayed to God always. <sup>3</sup> About the ninth hour of the day he saw clearly in a vision an angel of God coming in and saying to him, "Cornelius!" <sup>4</sup> And when he observed him, he was afraid, and said, "What is it, lord?" So he said to him, "Your prayers and your alms have come up for a memorial before God. <sup>5</sup> Now send men to Joppa, and send for Simon whose surname is Peter. <sup>6</sup> He is lodging with Simon, a tanner, whose house is by the sea. He will tell you what you must do." <sup>7</sup> And when the angel who spoke to him had departed, Cornelius called two of his household servants and a devout soldier from among those who waited on him continually. <sup>8</sup> So when he had explained all *these* things to them, he sent them to Joppa.

#### **Peter's Disobeys**

<sup>9</sup> The next day, as they went on their journey and drew near the city, Peter went up on the housetop to pray, about the sixth hour. <sup>10</sup> Then he became very hungry and wanted to eat; but while they made ready, he fell into a trance <sup>11</sup> and saw heaven opened and an object like a great sheet bound at the four corners, descending to him and let down to the earth. <sup>12</sup> In it were all kinds of four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, creeping things, and birds of the air. <sup>13</sup> And a voice came to him, "Rise, Peter; kill and eat." <sup>14</sup> But Peter said, "Not so, Lord! For I have never eaten anything common or unclean." <sup>15</sup> And a voice *spoke* to him again the second time, "What God has cleansed you must not call common." <sup>16</sup> This was done three times. And the object was taken up into heaven again.

#### **Study Guide Discussion:**

1. Discuss, compare, and note differences and similarities between Cornelius and Peter.

<u>Cornelius</u>	<u>Peter</u>	<u>Both (Similarities)</u>
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2. Discuss Peter's vision. What do these animals represent? Why is this a pivoting point in his ministry?
3. Peter was unaware of his prejudices. Are you aware of your prejudices with whom you share the gospel with?
4. What can you ask God to help you become more effective for the sharing the Good News with others?