



## BIBLE STUDY

October 10, 2023

**Scripture: Acts 10:1-23**

### **Topic: Opening Ourselves to God's Plans & Trusting God in New Ways!!!**

- I. Cornelius' Identity (vv. 1-2)
  - a. Cornelius' Location
  - b. Cornelius' Occupation
  - c. Cornelius' Devotion
    - i. Reverence of God
    - ii. A Giver
    - iii. Lifestyle of Prayer
- II. Cornelius' Vision (vv. 3-6)
  - a. The Vision was Unexpected
    - i. Fear was a Natural Response
    - ii. Fear DID NOT STOP HIM!!!
  - b. The Vision was God's Response to Cornelius' Faithfulness
  - c. The Vision came with Instructions
- III. Cornelius' Obedience (vv. 7-8)
  - a. Cornelius had to respond with Trust in God!
  - b. Cornelius' entrusted the Right people to help him.
- IV. Peter's Vision (vv. 9-16)
  - a. The Vision was Unexpected for Peter Too
  - b. The Vision Pushed Peter out of his Comfort Zone
    - i. We must *STOP TRYING TO PUT GOD IN A BOX!*
  - c. Peter's Resistance and God's Persistence (v. 16a)
    - i. This encounter was just as much for Peter's benefit as it was for Cornelius and his family.
- V. Peter's Perplexity (v. 17)
- VI. Peter Received Instructions (vv. 17b-20)

- VII. Peter's Obedience (vv. 21-23)
  - a. Peter moved without Full Clarity
  - b. Peter moved with Full Confidence in the Holy Spirit into New Territory

VIII. Will We Follow the Examples of Cornelius and Peter?