

## **Bible Study for January 2-8, 2023**

**Read:** Acts 10:24-43

### **Notes:**

It is thought that the book of Acts was written by the same person who wrote the gospel of Luke probably in the mid-to-late 80s A.D. This book gives us a unique glimpse into the early decades of the Christian movement, including the highs and lows. We find here that the author, perhaps a well-educated Jewish Christian and a skilled storyteller, proclaimed God's forgiveness of sins as being available to both Jews and Gentiles, which would have been viewed as quite remarkable, considering how the Jews in the Holy Land often set themselves apart. In Acts 10, the summary of Christian belief given by Peter to the Roman centurion Cornelius speaks of Jesus' ministry of preaching and healing, his death and resurrection.

### **Questions to Ponder:**

Did you grow up isolated from, or associated with minorities? What was that like?

What books, movies, or experiences shaped your understanding of prejudice as an adult?

Why do you think this story about Cornelius is important in the book of Acts?

In light of the above question, what do you think might be the most important point of Peter's sermon in verses 34-43?

Considering the make-up of your community and congregation, might there be some people who feel your church isn't for them?

How might you remove such barriers?