

Transforming Peter  
Week 14 outline  
Acts 10:1-11:18  
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## THE RIPPLE EFFECTS OF THE GOSPEL

### I. A World in Need of Changing

#### A. **Distanced** from one another

-a life at arm's length. controlled, safe, well planned, and carefully executed

#### B. **Distinguished** from one another

-a need to be recognized as unique and a little better

#### C. **Diplomatic** with one another

-a goal of looking benevolent, saying the right thing, while maintaining the status quo  
...shut everyone out, shut everyone down, and shut my mouth

THE EARLY CHURCH WAS BORN INTO WAS A WORLD HELL BENT ON KEEPING THEIR  
DISTANCE, LOOKING DISTINGUISHED,  
AND ACTING DIPLOMATIC. IT WAS A WORLD IN DESPERATE NEED OF CHANGE.

### II. The Transforming Power of God (Ch10:1-34)

#### A. **A Centurion Called Cornelius**... the man without the full story (vs 1-8)

-a leader worth following, God-fearer known for his generosity, man of prayer and devotion

#### B. **An Apostle Called Peter**... saved by grace and always growing (vs 9-20)

##### 1. Peter's Vision

*"Rise, Peter, Kill and Eat!"* -vs 13

##### 2. Peter's Opposition

*"By no means, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is common or unclean"* -vs 14

##### 3. Peter's Invitation

*"now while Peter was inwardly perplexed as to what the vision might mean"* -vs17

#### C. **2 Lives Transforming through the Gospel** (vs 21-34)

##### 1. **Relationally Driven**

The Gospel moves Peter from a world of distancing to a life of relationship

*"I am the one you're looking for... so he invited them in"* vs 21 and 23

##### 2. **Incarnationally Modeled**

The Gospel moves Peter from a world of trying to look distinguished to a life spent investing incarnationally (God became one of us and lived among us, now we do the same)

*"But Peter lifted him up, saying 'I too am a man'"* -vs26

### 3. Exponentially Advancing

The Gospel moves Peter from a world walking past without saying a word, to opening up his home, his heart, his life, and his mouth

-*"So Peter opened his mouth, 'truly, I understand that God shows no partiality'"*

-vs 34

THE GOSPEL IS RELATIONAL, INCARNATIONAL, AND EXPONENTIAL

### III. The Ripple Effects of the Gospel

#### A. 3 Threads running through the Early Church (Acts 10:34-48)

##### 1. The Distillation of the Gospel message (vs 34-43)

-Jesus is Lord of all...

-living a Perfect Life on Earth -vs 36-39a

-crucified, dying a horrible death in our place for our sin -vs39b

-rising again, victorious over death, hell, and the grave -vs 40-41

-sitting as judge over the living and the dead -vs42

-and all who put their faith in Him will be saved -vs43

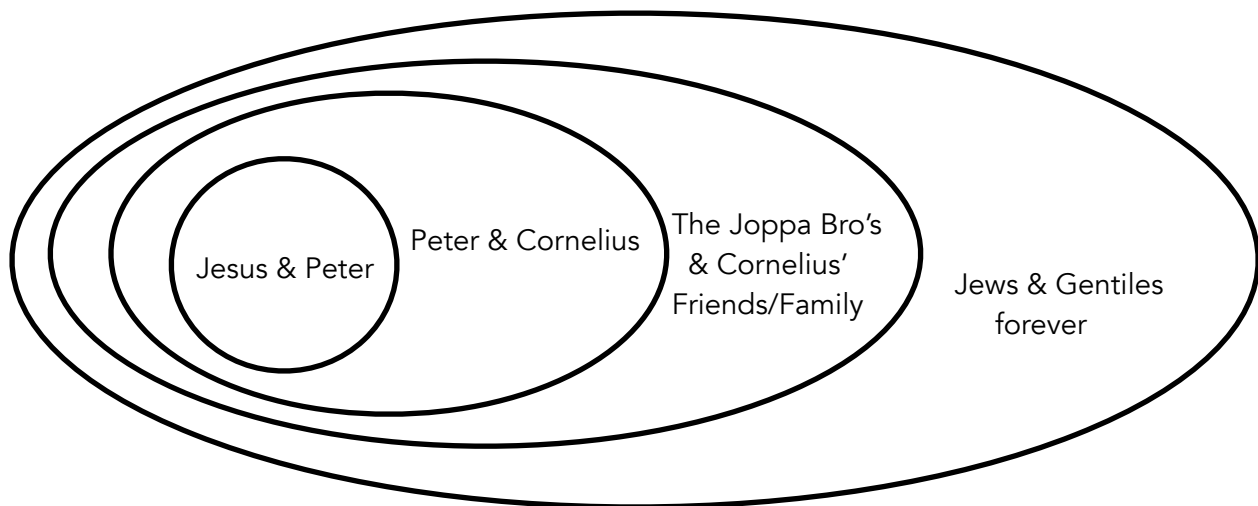
##### 2. The Indwelling of the Holy Spirit (vs 44-46)

-opening hearts and changing lives to receive the Gospel

##### 3. The Baptism of Believers (vs 47-48)

-bearing witness to the power of the gospel at work in their lives

#### B. Unity in diversity is byproducts of the Gospel (vs 10:45, 11:1-4, 11:18)



#### C. The Power of God for Salvation to All

1. Once Keeping Distant- Now **Brother and Sister in Christ** - Ephesians 2:14
2. Once wanting to look Distinguished- Now **Co-heirs with Christ** - Romans 8:17
3. Once seeming Diplomatic- Now **Ambassadors For Christ** - 2 Corinthians 5:20