

WITNESS – Reaching out to others
(Aim for 20 – 30 minutes)

Practising praying with people.

In 2's, each person in turn share

“What’s been the worst thing that has happened this week?”

Ask “Is it OK for me to put a hand on your shoulder?”

Then reach out a hand put it on your neighbour’s shoulder and pray for them.

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Cornelius **Acts 10:1-48**

WELCOME – Breaking the ice
(Aim for 10 minutes)

What has been the best thing that has happened this week?

OR

When have you felt closest to God this week?

WORSHIP – Meeting the Lord
(Aim for 10 – 15 minutes)

Each person in turn, say “Thank you” to God for the best thing that has happened OR when God has felt closest this week.

WORD – Applying the truth
(Aim for 40 – 45 minutes)

Read Acts 10:1-48

1 How much Spirit led orchestration was required to bring the Gentiles into the gospel community? What prejudices or traditions had to be overcome?

2 What was so special about Cornelius?

3 How quick was Peter to grasp what was being asked of him?

4 What features of Peter's address in Cornelius' house especially strike you? Are there any particular ideas or phrases that stand out?

5 How many ways does God himself take the initiative through the Spirit in this event and why is that?

6 How easy was it for Peter to welcome in the Gentiles?

7 Have you had the experience of drawing boundaries to God's grace and finding that they are not God's boundaries? Can you give any examples?

8 How would you sum up the significance of this passage?