

Small-Group Material

Cornelius

Acts 10: 1-8, 24-48

Welcome (10 mins)

Have you had any experience of either yourself or someone else assessing your character? If so, what was it like?

Word (30 mins)

1. Read verse 2 which describes Cornelius' Character attributes. What can we learn from this about the importance of our character in regards to:
 - a. being Devout
 - b. being God-fearing
 - c. being Generous
 - d. praying Regularly
2. Read v. 4-7. What does Cornelius' experience tell us about how we relate to God and He to us?
3. Read v. 22. How does this description of Cornelius challenge/ encourage us in relating to different people groups as Christians?
4. Read v. 30-33. What does this tell us about Cornelius' faith, and how might it be an encouragement to us?
5. More broadly speaking, from this passage, what can we learn about how God uses the conversion and spiritual growth of different people, for the growth of His Kingdom? (Feel free to comment on both Cornelius' and Peter's journey, and how they interlink)

Worship (10 mins)

Cornelius is a great example of someone who embodies Godliness, humility and faith in God. If we want our characters to become more Christ-like we need to ask the Holy Spirit to help us.

Worship with and reflect on this song-
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SZ-fghqc8Oo&ab_channel=MickMick

Spend a few minutes in shared prayer out loud in your hearts.

Witness (20 mins)

'This time tomorrow' Over the next few weeks, for the Witness section, we will suggest you ask one person from your group to share a bit about what their life is like day by day, what particular challenges they face and opportunities they have. *What is on their 'frontline'?*

Here are some questions which might help:

Presence: How and where do you sense God's presence?

Pressure: Where are you feeling pressured?

Purpose: What do you feel is your purpose?

Pray for that person, perhaps listening to see if God gives anyone a picture, Scripture, word of encouragement etc for them.