

# **ACTS 10–11:18**

## **OBSERVATION**

Read Acts 10–11:18.

How would you summarize this passage in one sentence?

Title each paragraph/section:

10:1–8 \_\_\_\_\_

10:9–23 \_\_\_\_\_

10:23–33 \_\_\_\_\_

10:34–43 \_\_\_\_\_

10:44–48 \_\_\_\_\_

11:1–18 \_\_\_\_\_

What is the relationship between chapter 10 and 11? Cause-effect? Contrast? Introduction? Climax? Cruciality (the pivot)? Question-answer? Comparison? Generalization/particularization? Recurrence (repetition)?

Where would you say the climax of this passage is?

## **INTERPRETATION**

Who are the main characters?

Who is Cornelius?

What can you say about Cornelius' faith based on the description provided?

Where is Caesarea? Where is Joppa?

How did Peter feel about his vision?

Over how many days did the entire narrative take place?

Much detail is given to timing. Why do you think this is?

What did Cornelius do in preparation for Peter's arrival? What does this say about him?

How would you describe the initial meeting and conversation between Peter and Cornelius? What do you think they were thinking and feeling?

What is the opening statement of Peter's sermon, and what does it accomplish?

What does Peter do next in the sermon?

What is the significance of vv. 40–42?

What basic truths does Peter preach?

What effect did the Holy Spirit's falling upon the listeners have on the Jewish believers present? On Peter?

What does 11:18 tell us about the understanding of the brethren about the nature of salvation? Is this taught elsewhere in the Bible?

## **EVALUATION**

What do we learn about the ways God works to bring about salvation in this passage?

Why is God's appearing to a Gentile significant at this point in Acts, and what does this show us about His nature?

## **APPLICATION**

What does God's dealing with Cornelius and with Peter teach you about Him, and how does this apply to your life?

What can we learn from Cornelius?

What can we learn from Peter? From his preaching?

What sin should you confess and repent of in view of this passage?

What affirmations should you make in light of this Word—affirmations about God, Christ, myself, others, and the world?

What should you thank God for in light of this passage?

What changes should you make in your investment of time, money, energy, or personal resources in view of the truth of this passage?

What prayer should you pray for yourself or your family or your friends or your enemies in light of what you have seen in the Word?