

## Acts 9:32-10:48 - Daily Study Questions (cont)

4. In Acts 10:9-16 what did Peter do (v9) and what happened (v10)? Describe his vision (v11) and the dialogue between God and him (v14-15). How many times did this occur (v16)?

5. Based on 10:17-23 what was Peter's mindset (v17)? What happened next (v17-18) and how did Peter respond (v21)? Why (v19-20)? What did the men tell Peter (v22) and what did he do (v23)?

6. According to 10:23-29 what did Peter do next (v23-24) and what did he discover (v24-25, 27)? What did he tell Cornelius (v26, 28-29)?

7. From 10:30-33 what did Cornelius recount for Peter (v30-31, 32, 33)? What did he then tell him (v33) and what was his attitude (v33)?

8. Read 10:34-38. Explain the message from God that Peter began with (v34-35, 36). Who had first heard it (36-37)? What did he tell them about Jesus' ministry (v38)?

9. Using 10:39-43 who had seen Jesus' works (v39) and what else did they witness (v39, 40-41)? What had Jesus instructed (v42) and what did the Scriptures promise from Him (v43)?

10. In 10:44-48 what occurred before Peter finished (v44-45) and what does this teach us? What evidenced the Spirit's presence (v46) and why, and what did this indicate (v47)? What did Peter then do (v48)?

11. Reviewing Acts 9:32-10:48 what two purposes did the healings of Acts 9 accomplish? Why was it important for Peter and Cornelius to think through their visions and how was God changing both of their mindsets? Apply.

### Scripture to Remember

“And opening his mouth, Peter said, ‘God is not one to show partiality, but in every nation the man who fears Him and does what is right is welcome to Him.’”

**Acts 10:34-35 (NASV)**

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### Life Group Questions—Baptism with the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:14-17)

*(Using questions from Sunday's message, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship that enable us to grow in Christ.)*

1. Share with your group about your memory of the first time you heard about the Holy Spirit. How do you react today to the mention of the Holy Spirit? Why? ”
2. Read Acts 8:14-17. Why did the apostles go to Samaria (see Acts 8:1-4)? How did they feel about Samaritans? How did Jesus feel? How did this event change that?
3. Do you ever question the testimony of someone's conversion? Why? What convinces you that it's real and how does this relate to what happened in this story?
4. Talk about why the presence of the Holy Spirit our lives means that we are truly saved. What difference should He make since He is in us as believers?
5. Discuss the difference between being baptized with the Spirit and being filled with the Spirit. Since Eph 5:18 commands us to be filled with the Spirit, how well do you think you are doing in this area?
6. Nail down how we are to relate to the Holy Spirit now as believers. Why is confession of known sin necessary for Him to work through us?
7. Share about anything else meaningful from the message if you have time.



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## Outside the Box Acts 9:32-10:48

### The 5 Purposes of the Purpose Driven Life

- **Worship**—You were planned for God’s pleasure
- **Fellowship**—You were formed for God’s family
- **Discipleship**—You were created to become like Christ
- **Ministry**—You were shaped for serving God
- **Evangelism**—You were made for a mission

In 1967 the “9 Dot Box” puzzle was invented, challenging participants to connect all the dots without lifting their pencil. The solution was to extend the lines “outside the box”. This led to the popular concept of “thinking outside the box” as a method of problem-solving. In this week’s study God led Peter to the next phase of the expansion of the church, that of taking the gospel to “unclean” Gentiles and Romans. This phase began with incidental healing from God, as He positioned Peter for some “outside the box” thinking. As Peter returned from Samaria he encountered Aeneas, a paralyzed man from Lydda. Peter gave him healing through Jesus and all who lived in that region turned to the Lord. Next, he healed a disciple known for her charitable works named Dorcas,

who was dead when Peter was summoned. He went to her in Joppa and raised her from the dead, leading many there to also believe. As he stayed there with Simon, a tanner, God revealed to a God-fearing Gentile centurion, Cornelius, that He was about to answer his prayers. Cornelius insightfully heard from God that he was to send for Peter in Joppa, which he did. The next day Peter also heard from God in a vision that nothing that God has cleansed should any longer be considered unclean and this puzzled him. As he was considering the meaning of this, men from Cornelius knocked on his door and the Spirit told Peter to go to them and follow their bidding. When they asked him to go to Cornelius, he went, and upon arrival heard Cornelius’ story. He then realized that



**The manifest destiny of disciples is to recapture the world for Jesus.**

God wanted him to tell these Gentiles about Jesus. He first told them how God had given to all people His intentional help through Jesus. He had performed many good works and healings, had died for people’s sins on the cross, and had been raised to life on the third day. He had then been appointed by God to be everyone’s Judge and to offer them forgiveness of sins. When they heard this the Holy Spirit visibly came upon them and His presence showed they were indeed saved. So, Peter baptized them, placing the apostolic seal on the salvation of Gentiles. This was truly thinking “outside the box”.

## Study Questions for Acts 9:32-10:48

(For answers go to [http://www.celebrationnet.com/abf.html/study questions](http://www.celebrationnet.com/abf.html/study%20questions))

1. Read Acts 9:32-35. Where was Peter (v32) and why was he there (see 8:14-15, 25; 9:31)? Describe who he encountered (v33) and what he did for him (v34). What was the result (v35)?	
2. From 9:36-43 what was Peter’s next stop, who did he encounter, and what was she like (v36-39)? What was her condition (v37) and what did Peter do (v39-41)? What was the outcome of this (v42-43)?	
3. Using 10:1-8 to whom did the angel appear (v1-3) and what was he like (v1, 2)? What did the angel tell him (v4, 5-6) and how did he respond (v7-8)? What does this show about him?	

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