

## Plant • Grow • Harvest | Home Group Guide

"The Power of a Wide Net" | Contagious Week 4, Acts 10 – Mark Sorensen

# Plant

- The apostle Peter was a great man of God but there were some beliefs and precepts that needed to be cleaned out. In Sunday's message Mark told a story about needing to check his A/C filter and referred to Acts 10 as a filter check for Peter.
- Has God ever challenged you to check your filter (the way you see things)? How so?
- Read Acts 10:1-7
- Before this moment, the early church couldn't imagine that a gentile's prayers would reach the ears of Israel's God. This whole chapter reveals how the Cross of Jesus has extended grace to ALL who believe, and that God is not just Lord of Israel but of all.
- What other ways has God revealed this truth in scripture? How is continuing to reveal this to us today?

#### Grow

- Read Acts 10:9-16
- Peter denied Jesus 3 times. He confessed His love for Jesus and committed to serving His sheep 3 times. And here, Peter is given a vision 3 times. It seems like the number 3 is the way to get through to Peter!
- How do you hear the voice of God? How does the Lord try to get through to you?
- Read John 14:26 & John 16:13
- In his sermon, Mark said we have to commit to continue growing spiritually. What has the Spirit of God been speaking to you lately? How has He been growing you?
- Read Acts 10:27-33
- "You can't go with God and stay where you are". Peter was willing to go where God called him, even if it flew in the face of tradition. Has your commitment to Jesus (or someone you know) ever cause tension within your culture or tradition? How so?

#### Harvest

- Read Luke 5:1-5
- In vs. 5 Peter was doubtful that he would catch any fish by following Jesus' instruction. But still he said "because You say so, I will..."
- How did Peter display this mindset in Acts 10? How can you display it today?

• There were fish on the other side of Peter's doubts in Luke 5. There was Cornelius and his family on the other side of his doubts in Acts 10. What doubts do you have during this season? Who might you be a blessing to on the other side of those doubts?

## Prayers

Share prayer requests and follow up on some of the requests from previous weeks.