



## **Devotion Info**

### ***Breaking Barriers***

#### **DAY 1 Read Acts 10:1-2, 22, 44-48 and Romans 3:23-24**

*[1] In Caesarea there lived a Roman army officer named Cornelius, who was a captain of the Italian Regiment. [2] He was a devout, God-fearing man, as was everyone in his household. He gave generously to the poor and prayed regularly to God.*

*[22] They said, "We were sent by Cornelius, a Roman officer. He is a devout and God-fearing man, well respected by all the Jews. A holy angel instructed him to summon you to his house so that he can hear your message."*

*[44] Even as Peter was saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the message. [45] The Jewish believers who came with Peter were amazed that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles, too. [46] For they heard them speaking in other tongues and praising God. Then Peter asked, [47] "Can anyone object to their being baptized, now that they have received the Holy Spirit just as we did?" [48] So he gave orders for them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterward Cornelius asked him to stay with them for several days.*

Acts 10:1-2, 22, 44-48 NLT

- Why do you think "good people" can struggle to see their need for Jesus?

#### **DAY 2 Read Acts 10:34-36 and Revelation 7:9**

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Acts of the Apostles 10:34-36 NLT

*[9] After this I saw a vast crowd, too great to count, from every nation and tribe and people and language, standing in front of the throne and before the Lamb. They were clothed in white robes and held palm branches in their hands.*

Revelation 7:9 NLT

- How does the Gospel break down walls of race, culture, and background?

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- What's one way your life group/church can better reflect the unity of Christ across differences?

### **DAY 4 Read Acts 10:9-16 and Colossians 2:16-17**

*[9] The next day as Cornelius's messengers were nearing the town, Peter went up on the flat roof to pray. It was about noon, [10] and he was hungry. But while a meal was being prepared, he fell into a trance. [11] He saw the sky open, and something like a large sheet was let down by its four corners. [12] In the sheet were all sorts of animals, reptiles, and birds. [13] Then a voice said to him, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat them." [14] "No, Lord," Peter declared. "I have never eaten anything that our Jewish laws have declared impure and unclean." [15] But the voice spoke again: "Do not call something unclean if God has made it clean." [16] The same vision was repeated three times. Then the sheet was suddenly pulled up to heaven.*

Acts 10:9-16 NLT

*[16] So don't let anyone condemn you for what you eat or drink, or for not celebrating certain holy days or new moon ceremonies or Sabbaths. [17] For these rules are only shadows of the reality yet to come. And Christ himself is that reality.*

Colossians 2:16-17 NLT

- Do God's dietary laws still apply today? What about His moral laws?
- Why do people still tend to add rituals or regulations as requirements for being accepted by God?

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- What are some subtle ways people today can put leaders, traditions, or even good things in the place of Jesus?

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