

Aug 23, 2026 Small Group Questions
Acts 10: Are You Being Converted?

Acts 10 is often remembered as the story of Cornelius' conversion, yet Luke's focus is just as much on Peter's conversion. Through a series of encounters, visions, conversations, and acts of obedience, God dismantles Peter's deeply held assumptions about who belongs in God's kingdom. IN this we discover that conversion is not merely a single moment of coming to faith; it is the lifelong work of the Holy Spirit, transforming our hearts, our imaginations, our relationships, and our lives until we increasingly reflect Christ.

Read Acts 10:1–48

1. As you read Acts 10, whose conversion stands out most to you—Cornelius' or Peter's? Why do you think Luke spends so much time telling Peter's story?
2. What barriers existed between Peter and Cornelius? Which of those barriers were cultural, which were religious, and which were personal?
3. Peter says, "God has shown me that I should not call any person common or unclean." What had to change inside Peter before he could take those few steps into Cornelius' home? What impact would his words (vs. 28) have on his listeners?
4. Peter obeyed before he fully understood what God was doing. Why is that often difficult? Can you think of a time when obedience came before understanding?
5. The sermon suggested that conversion continues throughout the Christian life. In what ways do we sometimes think of conversion as a one-time event rather than an ongoing work of the Holy Spirit?
6. The sermon suggested that every generation develops its own categories of "clean" and "unclean." Without naming particular political groups or debating current issues, where do you see people today instinctively dividing the world into "us" and "them"?
7. The sermon ends with the question, "Are you being converted?" As you reflect on your own life, where might the Holy Spirit be inviting you to take your next step of conversion?

Some things to consider as you pray together

- Thank God that his grace reached us when we were far from him.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to continue the work of conversion in every area of our lives.
- Pray for humility to recognize attitudes, assumptions, or prejudices that still need to be surrendered to Christ.
- Ask God for courage to obey even when we do not yet understand what he is doing.
- Pray that our church would become a community that reflects the welcome, compassion, and reconciling love of Jesus.
- Pray for opportunities this week to cross a barrier in love and faithfully bear witness to Christ.