



Acts 10:1-6 (NIV) <sup>1</sup>At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion in what was known as the Italian Regiment. <sup>2</sup>He and all his family were devout and God-fearing; he gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly. <sup>3</sup>One day at about three in the afternoon he had a vision. He distinctly saw an angel of God, who came to him and said, "Cornelius!" <sup>4</sup>Cornelius stared at him in fear. "What is it, Lord?" he asked. The angel answered, "Your prayers and gifts to the poor have come up as a memorial offering before God. <sup>5</sup>Now send men to Joppa to bring back a man named Simon who is called Peter. <sup>6</sup>He is staying with Simon the tanner, whose house is by the sea."

**Hospitality is making space for someone you don't have to make space for.**

Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah..." (Matthew 16:17)

"Surely not, Lord!" Peter replied. "I have never eaten anything impure or unclean." The voice spoke to him a second time, "Do not call anything impure that God has made clean." (Acts 10:14-15)

Then Peter invited the men into the house to be his guests... (Acts 10:23)

"You are well aware that it is against our law for a Jew to associate with a Gentile or visit him. But God has shown me that I should not call any man impure or unclean." (Acts 10:28)

All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name. (Acts 10:43)

**Want to Go Deeper?**

- Memorize Acts 10:43.
- What kind of people are your "outsiders"? How can you love them like Jesus?
- What will you do to help outsiders who visit our church feel included?
- If you are ready to accept God's invitation to a new life, let us know and we will help you with next steps.
- Read *Lost and Found* by Ed Stetzer.

Please let us know the commitments you are making to God by using the Communication Card. We will pray for you!

Next week...Part 3: A Place to Find Encouragement