

Peter's Missionary Journey
Lesson #3
Acts 9:32-10:48

Lydda - Acts 9:32-35

1. Peter had made his permanent home in Jerusalem but continued to travel around visiting the saints (believers). In the town of Lydda, he found a man named Aeneas. What was Aeneas' condition? (Acts 9:33)
2. That condition was changed when Peter called him by name and said, "*Jesus Christ heals you.*" What was the result of this encounter for:
 - Aeneas? (Acts 9:34b)
 - The people of Lydda & Sharon? (Acts 9:35)

Joppa - Acts 9:36-43

3. The next story took place in the village of Joppa where a disciple named Tabitha (or Dorcas) lived. What does Luke record about her? (Acts 9:36, 37)
4. How did Peter know he was needed in Joppa? (Acts 9:38)
5. How does Luke describe the scene when Peter arrived? (Acts 9:39)
6. Up to this point, Peter had healed many diseases and cast out demons, but never had he been asked to raise the dead. Using Acts 9:40:
 - After sending everyone out of the room, what did Peter do first?
 - How did Peter "heal" her?
 - What was her response?

7. What was the reaction after Peter presented Dorcas alive? (Acts 9:42, 43)

Reflect: Looking at these two stories, why do you think Luke included them in the book of Acts?

Caesarea - Acts 10:1-48

8. Peter continued his journey going to the seaport city of Caesarea where a man named Cornelius lived. What information is given about Cornelius? (Acts 10:1, 2)

9. Luke gave a very detailed account of this story of Cornelius. Using Acts 10:3-6:

- What time was it when the story began?
- In a vision what did Cornelius "distinctly" see?
- After hearing his name, what was Cornelius' response?
- What reassurance was Cornelius given?
- What were his instructions?

10. Cornelius called for two of his servants and a devout soldier and sent them to Joppa to find Peter. Why does it say that the next day at noon Peter went up on Simon's roof? (Acts 10:9)

11. Peter became hungry and while the meal was being prepared, he "*fell into a trance.*" What did he see? (Acts 10:11, 12)

12. In the trance, a voice spoke to Peter. What did the voice say? (Acts 10:13)

13. Peter's response was one of horror; why? (Acts 10:14)
14. What did the voice say when it spoke a second time? (Acts 10:15)
15. How many times was this scene repeated? (Acts 10:16)

Reflect: What do you think the significance is of this scene being repeated?

16. While Peter was wondering what this could mean, the men from Cornelius arrived at Simon's gate. How did Peter know it was okay to go with these men? (Acts 10:19, 20)
17. Peter went to the gate, identified himself and then inquired as to why they had come. What reason did they give? (Acts 10:22)
18. After hearing why they had come, Peter extended hospitality by inviting them into the house. The next day they left Joppa for Caesarea. Who went with them on the journey? (Acts 10:23b)
19. *"Cornelius was expecting them (Peter) so had called together his relatives and close friends."* What happened when Peter entered the house? (Acts 10:25)
20. What was Peter's reaction? (Acts 10:26)
21. Upon entering, Peter saw the large crowd that had gathered. What was Peter's first message to them? (Acts 10:28, 29)
22. It is important to note that even though the Holy Spirit had directed Peter to go and Peter had obeyed, the reason had still not been revealed. Peter was learning to walk by faith and obedience. Cornelius retold Peter about his experience with the angel. Using Acts 10:30-33:

- How long had it been since the angel had spoken to Cornelius?
 - How did Cornelius describe the angel?
 - How quickly did Cornelius say that he had acted on the angel's instructions?
 - What was Cornelius' answer to Peter?
23. In this visit, Cornelius, his family and friends taught Peter a lesson about God. What did Peter say he finally realized? (Acts 10:34, 35)
24. Peter also realized that these god-fearing Gentiles were aware of what had been taking place in Jerusalem, so he began by saying that he and the other disciples were witnesses of Jesus' life and ministry. Summarize what Peter said he had witnessed in Jerusalem. (Acts 10:39-41)
25. What did Peter tell these Gentiles that God commanded him (us) to do? (Acts 10:42)
26. What good news did Peter bring to these Gentiles? (Acts 10:43)
27. One can be confident that these Gentiles had responded to the good news because of what took place while Peter was speaking. What happened? (Acts 10:44)
28. What was the reaction of the believers (Jews) who had come with Peter? (Acts 10:45)
29. Could they deny this was taking place? (Acts 10:46)

30. What was Peter's question to the "circumcised" (Jewish) believers who had come to Caesarea with him? (Acts 10:47)

31. How does the story of Cornelius and his household end? (Acts 10:48)