Questions for Reflection and Discussion

Acts 10:34-48

The Gospel for All Nations

Background

Read Acts 10:1-33. How did God prepare Peter for his encounter with Cornelius?

Digging In

1. **Read Ac 10:34-35.** We know from Acts 11:14 that Cornelius was not yet a Christian. So in what sense does God accept *men from every nation who fear him and do what is right* (vss. 34-35)?

2. **Read vss. 36-38**. Summarize what Cornelius already knew about Jesus.

3. How does Peter show that God authenticated Jesus' ministry?

4. What additional information does Peter provide in **vss. 39-43**?

5. Why do you think Peter emphasizes that he and others were **witnesses** of Jesus' life, death and resurrection?

6. How does Peter describe salvation in v. 43? What is our part? What is God's part?

7. **Read vss. 44-48**. Before Peter can finish his sermon, it's evident that Cornelius and the others have put their trust in Christ. How does God confirm their salvation?

8. Why were Peter's companions astonished?

9. What does Peter conclude is the next logical step to take? Why was this so significant?

Getting Personal

- It's possible – like Cornelius – to know a lot about Christ, but not to actually have a personal relationship with him. Do you identify with Cornelius more before he believed the gospel preached by Peter, or after? Explain.

- Have you personally shared the gospel with someone of another culture? If so, describe your experience.

- God prepared and used Peter to share the gospel with Gentiles. How do you think God might want to use us at Shoestring to take the gospel across cultural boundaries?