

# Saved by Grace

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## Small group questions

*Grappling with the freedom grace brings – Acts 10-11*

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Leaders – if the questions make no sense or you don't know the answer – please ask [bishop@bathurstanglican.org.au](mailto:bishop@bathurstanglican.org.au)

1. Why is coming to terms with newfound freedom such an adjustment for some people? Have you ever found yourself finally free from a situation in which you felt quite trapped? What were the challenges you faced?
2. You may enjoy reading Acts 10 again. Did anything stand out for you from the passage? Or is there anything about which you need clarification?

### THE STORY

3. How was God at work to teach both Peter and Cornelius?
4. Can you think of a social taboo for us which may have at least *some* parallel with Peter welcoming **Gentiles** and going off with them right into Cornelius' house? How must Peter have felt?
5. Why was it important for Peter to learn this lesson?

### JESUS IS LORD – vv34-38

6. From these verses, list all that Peter wanted to tell the Gentiles about Jesus. Why were they important?
7. What would you say to someone who says – “I can understand God, but I can't work out where Jesus fits.” If people feel that they love God, does it matter what they think about Jesus? Why?

### PETER AND THE APOSTLES ARE WITNESSES vv39-41

8. Why was it important that Peter tell these Gentiles that he and the other Apostles had been witnesses to all that Jesus did AND to his death AND to seeing him alive afterwards?

### WHAT PETER WAS TOLD TO PREACH vv42-43

9. What is the **bad** news and **good** news of what Peter was told to preach?
10. *Everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.* How good is this? Do we revel in this sufficiently?!

### THINKING THROUGH THE IMPLICATIONS

11. Why was there another dramatic giving of the Holy Spirit here at this point in Acts?
12. Why do you think some church groups and maybe some in our church, are caught up by following rules and regulations as if grace was something we have to earn or show that we are worthy to receive?
13. Are there areas in your life where you have to **wrestle** with and ought to **revel** in the freedom grace brings?

*Pray that we will revel in God's grace and not revert to a performance-based understanding or being trapped by man-made rules, rituals and regulations.*