



## HomeGroup Discussion Questions

### Week 2

Partiality, bias, favoritism—these are familiar and unfortunate parts of life. We see them along ethnic, financial, physical and social lines, to name a few. They divide us and expose hearts that run against the grain of the gospel. Who matters to God? Who *doesn't* matter to God?!

God's heart has always been for the world, but sometimes it takes a supernatural intervention to remind us of that truth. As we heard from the sermon, God is always at work to prepare people—without partiality—for salvation.

**MAIN TEXT:** Acts 10

#### CONNECT

1. Have you ever been treated differently simply because of your appearance, the size of your home, your level of education, or some other condition? If so, what happened and how did you respond?
2. Last week, we talked about how God was at work behind the scenes with Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch. How have you noticed God at work this week?

#### LEARN

3. As Pastors Tom and Thomas pointed out in the sermon, God is actively at work again here in chapter 10. Where in the text is God's intervention most evident?
4. Both Cornelius and Peter have supernatural encounters. What was it about their lives that demonstrates their desire to hear from God even before these events took place?
5. Where do we see Peter demonstrate faith in spite of not being sure of what God was doing?
6. How does Peter's explanation of the gospel in verses 34-43 demonstrate God's desire for all of humanity to know Him?

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## APPLY

7. Since God is impartial (vv. 34-5), we ought to be impartial as well. Have you seen partiality or unjust favoritism demonstrated among God's people? If so, how?

Consider taking time to pray, admitting and turning away from attitudes, words, or actions of prejudice that you see in our community at Calvary.

8. Peter knew what to do next, but he didn't always know why (look back at v. 17). How can we encourage each other to follow Jesus even when we're "inwardly perplexed" about why God is working in ways we don't yet understand?

9. Since "God shows no partiality" and "everyone who believes in [Jesus] receives forgiveness of sins through his name," who do you know who God may be preparing to hear the gospel message? What next step could you take?