"Peter and Cornelius Part 1: When God Surprises you" Acts 10:1-23a

Community Building Talking Point

In this Spring season, what are some things you find joy in? Describe the ideal Spring day.

Questions for Discussion

- 1. Have you said you would never do something then ended up changing your mind later?
- 2. This week we continue studying some of the works of Peter in the book of Acts. After raising a woman from the dead in Joppa, we see both Peter and a man named Cornelius experience visions from God. What kind of man is Cornelius?
- 3. Why is it surprising that Cornelius was respected by the Jewish people in Caesarea?
- 4. When has God really surprised you?
- 5. God sometimes challenges the plans of men with the plan of God because his plans don't have to fit our categories of what we expect from God. Has God ever challenged your ideas or expectations of him?
- 6. Why is the vision of God's commands to eat all kinds of animals problematic for Peter? What must he have been thinking and feeling afterwards?
- 7. How did both Peter and Cornelius demonstrate faithful obedience?
- 8. What can help you be ready to obey God's calling at a moment's notice?

Pray with each other, sharing each other's concerns with God, but also praying for the Spirit to open up the doors for our witness to Jesus.