

Questions for homegroups – Acts 10: 1-22

- Think of a time when some belief or thing you held dear had to be overturned. Share it with the group. How did it feel to have something you'd assumed certain overturned?
- Why was Peter's vision such a shock to him?
- In what ways are we today tempted to divide the world into clean and unclean? What might be the consequences in the church of an unhealthy pride in being different and a fear of contamination?
- How have you understood the purity laws of the Old Testament? What was Jesus' attitude towards them?
- Where might we be tempted to pin labels on people that exclude?
- What room is there in your theology for the supernatural chain of events in Acts 10?
- What difference might it make to our attempts to share faith if we believed what the Mission Theological Advisory Group write?
"We should perhaps assume that all human beings are touched by God in some ways during their lives...the mission of the church does not start from nothing in its outreach, but approaches each person as a place where God has already been."
- How might our mindset about mission need changing here at KPC if mission is about joining in the flow of what the Spirit is doing rather than putting on services and waiting for people to come to church?
- *"God is not helpless without us. It's not all down to our hard work"*. How do you relate to this claim?
- Mike Riddell writes,
"Participating in the mission of God means leaving our place of security, to travel to the place where others are...Mission is always in the direction of the other, and away from ourselves."
Where might God be calling us out of our grid to travel to the places where others are?