

God Is Impartial

Instructions: Do this exercise in quiet surroundings. As you read the scriptures, imagine that you are part of the event. Visualize the scene. Hear the voices. Feel the emotions of the characters. Let the account come to life.

Main characters: Cornelius, Peter

Summary: Peter imitates God's impartiality by preaching to Cornelius, a Gentile.

1 ANALYZE THE SCENE.—READ ACTS 10:1-35, 44-48.

Describe the appearance of Cornelius as you imagine him. _____

What emotions do you sense in Cornelius during his conversation with the angel, as recorded in verses 3 to 6? _____

What conversation do you imagine took place between Cornelius and his attendants, as alluded to in verses 7 and 8? _____

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Why was the illustration that was presented to Peter in verses 10 to 16 effective? (Clue: Consider Peter's background as a Jew, as suggested in verse 14.) _____

What quality do you see in Cornelius in verse 25? Why might that quality be rare in someone of his position? (Clue: See verse 1.) _____

Using research materials available to you, find out how many men made up the Italian army band over which Cornelius had authority. _____

Why was the conversion of Cornelius particularly noteworthy? _____

3 APPLY WHAT YOU LEARNED. WRITE DOWN WHAT YOU LEARNED ABOUT . . .

The effective use of illustrations. _____

God's impartiality. _____

How you too can show yourself to be impartial. _____

4 WHAT ASPECT OF THIS ACCOUNT IS MOST MEANINGFUL TO YOU, AND WHY?

