

THE UNLIKELY DISCIPLE

GOD'S PERSPECTIVE | 8.22.21

TALK SHEET

KEY SCRIPTURE

¹⁴ "No, Lord," Peter declared. "I have never eaten anything that our Jewish laws have declared impure and unclean."

¹⁵ But the voice spoke again: "Do not call something unclean if God has made it clean." ¹⁶ The same vision was repeated three times. Then the sheet was suddenly pulled up to heaven.

Acts 10:14-16 (NLT)

¹⁹ Meanwhile, as Peter was puzzling over the vision, the Holy Spirit said to him, "Three men have come looking for you. ²⁰ Get up, go downstairs, and go with them without hesitation. Don't worry, for I have sent them."

²¹ So Peter went down and said, "I'm the man you are looking for. Why have you come?"

²² They said, "We were sent by Cornelius, a Roman officer. He is a devout and God-fearing man, well respected by all the Jews. A holy angel instructed him to summon you to his house so that he can hear your message."

Acts 10:19-22 (NLT)

²³ So Peter invited the men to stay for the night. The next day he went with them, accompanied by some of the brothers from Joppa.

²⁴ They arrived in Caesarea the following day. Cornelius was waiting for them and had called together his relatives and close friends. ²⁵ As Peter entered his home, Cornelius fell at his feet and worshiped him. ²⁶ But Peter pulled him up and said, "Stand up! I'm a human being just like you!" ²⁷ So they talked together and went inside, where many others were assembled.

Acts 10:19-22 (NLT)

QUOTES

"We get in trouble when we allow our perspective to be more important than God's."

Select 1 or 2 questions from each section of this guide to lead your group or house church in a discussion. Feel free to adjust as needed. Each section is designed to follow each video segment of the message.

• Video Section #1: Explore the Topic

> Start it Out | Goal: Get people talking

• Video Section #2: Explore what God says about the Topic

> Talk it Out | Goal: Get the group talking about scripture

• Video Section #3: Explore what we do with the Topic

> Live it Out | Goal: Choose a question to encourage next steps

> Pray it Out | Goal: Lift of prayers, petitions, and praises

Start it Out | Goal: Get people talking

- Who would say had the most influence in your life shaping your perspective? Explain.
- Describe a time in your life when you realized that the people around you had a difference perspective than you.
- Pastor Steve shared that "God has a perspective," What do you think God's perspective is of people and the world? Discuss.

Talk it Out | Goal: Get the group talking about scripture

- Read Acts 10:14-16; Here we go again, Peter saying "no" to God. After all Peter's been through, why do you think he still says "no"?
- What does v.15 tell us about the difference between Peter and God's perspective?
- Why do you believe it's important for God to continue to shape Peter's worldview? Follow up: Why do you believe it's important for God to continue to shape your worldview?

Live it Out | Goal: Choose questions to encourage next steps

- What is one thing you can do this week to allow God to shape your worldview?
- v.35 tells us that "God shows no favoritism," where can you apply this understanding in your life this week?

Pray it Out | Goal: Lift up prayers, petitions, and praises

- How can we pray for you this week?
Take notes and follow up next week.