

## **When God Speaks – Will You Notice? Small Group Discussion Guide**

### **Icebreaker**

Share about a time when you made an assumption about a person or situation and later realized you were completely wrong. What changed your perspective?

### **Main Theme**

Acts 10 shows us that God is often working beyond the boundaries and assumptions we create. The gospel is for all people, and God actively prepares hearts, speaks to His people, and invites us to participate in His mission.

### **Key Passage**

Read Acts 10:1–8, 9–23, 24–35, 44–48; Jeremiah 29:13

### **1. Assumptions and Blind Spots**

Peter carried assumptions about who could belong to God’s family. God confronted those assumptions directly.

- What are some assumptions Christians sometimes make about people today?
- Have you ever been surprised by who seemed open to spiritual conversations?

### **2. God Is Already at Work**

Before Peter even arrived, God was already working in Cornelius’ life.

- What stands out to you about Cornelius?
- Why is it important that Cornelius was seeking God before Peter arrived?
- How does this story encourage us when sharing our faith?
- Where might God already be working in the lives of people around you?

**Key Insight:** Sharing our faith is not about forcing God into someone’s life. It’s about joining what God is already doing.

### **3. Hearing God in a Noisy World**

The sermon emphasized how both Peter and Cornelius were praying and listening.

- Why do you think silence and stillness are difficult for many people today?
- Which of these ways God speaks do you most relate to?
  - 1) Scripture, 2) Prayer, 3) Circumstances, 4) Other believers
- Can you share a time when you sensed God speaking to you in one of these ways?

**Practical Challenge:** This week, intentionally create a few moments of silence each day to pray and listen.

### **4. The Gospel Is for Everyone**

Peter realized that “God does not show favoritism.”

- Why was this realization so radical for Peter?
- Are there certain people or groups you find difficult to believe God could transform?
- How does Acts 10 challenge the Church today?

**Key Insight:** The ground is level at the foot of the cross. The gospel invitation is open to all.

### **Prayer & Reflection**

Take a quiet minute and reflect on these questions:

- Who is one person God may be prompting you to pray for?
- Who might you have unintentionally written off spiritually?
- Ask the Holy Spirit to open hearts and guide conversations.
- Write down names of people you will commit to pray for this month. Pray for them as a group.