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GOD'S DESIRE FOR A COMMUNITY OF BELIEVERS

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Discipleship Stream



BREAKING DOWN THE BARRIERS: PETER & CORNELIUS.

Acts 10:1-16 + 11:1-18.

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Introduction.

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- **SCF is being called to break down barriers;**
- **We were loved by God before we knew Him;**
- **It's the presence of God that distinguishes us from others who do good works;**
- **Those things we're doing for our brothers and sisters we're doing for Jesus;**
- **We are called to show the authentic love of Christ in everything we do.**

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Geography & Geo-politics:

Two towns:

- **Caesarea (Maritima);**
- **Joppa (Jaffa).**

Two societies:

- **Jews;**
- **Romans.**

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The main players:

- **Peter:** Jew - Disciple of Jesus - Apostle;
- **Cornelius:** Roman Centurion.

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The account:

- **Peter:** in Joppa - guest of Simon the Tanner;
- **Cornelius:** at his home in Caesarea;
- **30 miles apart.**

"While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message." Acts 10:44

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An account for today:

Bethany Christian Trust:

“ending homelessness in Scotland one person at a time”

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Questions to ponder:

1. what old prejudices are we locked into?
2. what thought patterns and habits are acting as walls that are stopping us truly showing the love of Christ?
3. what does each of us need to do to break down those walls?

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