

## The Church on Mission (*Part 2*)

Acts 10:9-29

*“About noon the following day as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray. He became hungry and wanted something to eat, and while the meal was being prepared, he fell into a trance. He saw heaven opened and something like a large sheet being let down to earth by its four corners. It contained all kinds of four-footed animals, as well as reptiles of the earth and birds of the air. Then a voice told him, ‘Get up, Peter. Kill and eat.’ ‘Surely not, Lord!’ Peter replied. ‘I have never eaten anything impure or unclean.’ The voice spoke to him a second time, ‘Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.’ This happened three times, and immediately the sheet was taken back to heaven. While Peter was wondering about the meaning of the vision, the men sent by Cornelius found out where Simon’s house was and stopped at the gate. They called out, asking if Simon who was known as Peter was staying there. While Peter was still thinking about the vision, the Spirit said to him, ‘Simon, three men are looking for you. So get up and go downstairs. Do not hesitate to go with them, for I have sent them.’ Peter went down and said to the men, ‘I’m the one you’re looking for. Why have you come?’ The men replied, ‘We have come from Cornelius the centurion. He is a righteous and God-fearing man, who is respected by all the Jewish people. A holy angel told him to have you come to his house so that he could hear what you have to say.’ Then Peter invited the men into the house to be his guests. The next day Peter started out with them, and some of the brothers from Joppa went along. The following day he arrived in Caesarea. Cornelius was expecting them and had called together his relatives and close friends. As Peter entered the house, Cornelius met him and fell at his feet in reverence. But Peter made him get up. ‘Stand up,’ he said, ‘I am only a man myself.’ Talking with him, Peter went inside and found a large gathering of people. He said to them: ‘You are well aware that it is against our law for a Jew to associate with a Gentile or visit with him. But God has shown me that I should not call any man impure or unclean. So when I was sent for, I came without raising any objection. May I ask why you sent for me?’”*

Acts 10:9-29

### The Church Being on Mission Involves:

1. ***Acknowledging*** that Jesus is the Christ and Lord.

*Surely not, Lord! Peter replied.*

Acts 10:14

## 2. **Aligning** my thinking with God's plan.

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## 3. **Answering** the call to Follow Jesus.

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Acts 10:21-24

**Answering the Call to Follow Jesus and/or Becoming a New Creation in Christ involves:**

- **Encountering** God in Worship
- **Exercising** Faith and Private Spiritual Disciplines
- **Embracing** Practical Teaching and Truth from God's Word
- **Establishing** Community with other Believers
- **Experiencing** Personal Ministry

Worship -           **1.5**   Hours/Week

Fellowship -       **1.5**   Hours/Week

Serving in  
Ministry -           **1.5**   Hours/Week

Answering the call to become a Follower of Jesus Christ involves a Minimum of **5** hours per week on average.