

PETER AND CORNELIUS

(Additional Teacher Notes)

A. Preparation

Have you ever been to the library? Have you ever tried to count how many books there are on the shelves at the library? What if you read every book that was there. You would learn a lot, wouldn't you? But there are more books in the world. What if you read all of those too? What if you learned *everything* that there was to learn in the whole world. What do you think would be the most important thing? The most important thing of all is to learn about Jesus, isn't it? It doesn't matter if we know everything else in the whole world, if we don't know and trust that Jesus died for us and took away our sins, nothing else matters. Today we are going to learn about a man named Cornelius. The Lord told Peter to tell Cornelius the good news about what Jesus did for him.

OUTER AIM Cornelius learns that Jesus is his Savior

B. Presentation

C. Penetration

Because God had once told the nation of Israel that the promised Savior would be born from their descendants, many Jews of Jesus' day thought that only Jews would receive the blessings of God and be saved. Cornelius was not a Jew, and yet God sent Peter to preach the good news to him. The Lord taught Peter that Christ died for *all* and not just for one particular race of people.

Sample Question Sequence

- Who was Cornelius?
- What did God tell Cornelius to do?
- What dream did Peter have?
- Why might Peter have been hesitant to visit Cornelius?
- How did the dream teach Peter that God wanted everyone to hear about Jesus?
- What did Peter say to Cornelius when the two of them met?
- Whom does God want to hear His word about the Savior?

INNER AIM The good news about Jesus is for everybody

D. Application

Since the good news of the forgiveness of sins is meant for everyone, that means it is meant for us and we can take comfort in it. It also means we can share it with others because it is meant for them too.

E. Drill and Review

See worksheets