

HomeGroup Discussion Guide

May 3-9, 2009

Key Idea of the Week:

Throughout the life of Jesus and the early church we see examples of people's lives being changed in homes. It seems that when the church was vibrant and explosive and people were being saved the believers were committed to meeting together in each others homes. In our culture our homes are often private havens. Faith is largely kept personal at home and seems difficult to share deeply at church services. What is God's design for the church and have we ignored the power of sharing our faith together in our homes?

Discussion Guide:

Pray for God to soften your hearts and speak to you as you open His Word together.

Read Acts 10:1-33.

Discuss

Do you think it was significant that Peter went to Cornelius' house instead of meeting in some neutral setting? Why or why not?

Try to imagine what would have been different about the story if they had met halfway?

What is unique about gathering in a home as opposed to anywhere else?

Why is it hard to open our homes to people or to go to someone else's home in our culture?

Imagine that a family attended a church service regularly but had never been invited to another home in the church or had anyone from the church in their home. In what ways might their faith be better supported if they joined a HomeGroup?

What do you appreciate most about your HomeGroup?

Read Luke 19:1-10.

Do you think it was significant that Jesus wanted to go to Zacchaeus' house? Why was this a big deal to Zacchaeus?

Who do you know that needs to engage a HomeGroup (saved or unsaved)? What are you going to do about it?

Pray for courage to act on what you've learned this week and for any requests that may have been raised by members of the group.