



## *Live it Out at Home*

**INTRODUCTION:** God desires for all mankind to have faith in Him and live our lives daily by faith. This isn't something to be done only at church, at work, or even in the community. Living out our faith should begin in the home that God has placed us in. Our greatest missional impact should always take place in the lives of those closest to us. This message reveals five simple truths to help us live out our faith in a way that impacts our home for the Lord.

**READ:** Acts 10:1-8, 30-45

**DISCUSSION:**

1. Take a moment and describe your upbringing. What were things were important to your parent(s)? How important were the things of the Lord in your home? How did this help or hinder you in your own faith?
2. In your own words, why is it so important today for us to live out our faith in our homes? Why does it sometimes seem that our home is the most difficult place to live it out?
3. Can you think of additional Biblical illustrations of someone who lived out their faith in their home? What do you remember about these examples? What do they teach you?
4. For Cornelius, he didn't grow up in a Godly home and he certainly did know all the Biblical truth that we have today, yet he did several things very well. In your opinion, which of his actions stand out most to you and why?
5. How did Cornelius's reverence for God impact his actions? How should it impact ours as well?
6. How would you describe Cornelius's prayer life? What was significant about the vision occurring at the "nine hour of the day"? How should his example impact our own prayer life?
7. As a group, read Acts 10:30-33 and focus especially on the end of verse 33. How many of Cornelius's family members were present to hear the Gospel? What does this suggest about his effort to make this happen? How can we apply this in our own lives?
8. As a group, take time discussing what God wants your home life to be like spiritually. Then have each participant share one thing that they need to apply for the spiritual growth of their family. If time allows, take time to pray for each family represented.

**CLOSE:** Answer as a group - What is Legacy? In what terms do you normally think of it? What is going to be your family's legacy and how will you shape it? Someone once said that "Legacy is not so much the past as it is the future the present develops." How do you think this idea applies in terms of the challenge of this message?

**READING LIST:**

**Monday:** Joshua 1:5-9 / **Tuesday:** Ephesians 5:1-10 / **Wednesday:** Ephesians 5:11-21 / **Thursday:** Ephesians 5:22-33 / **Friday:** Ephesians 6:1-4 / **Saturday:** Ephesians 6:10-18 / **Sunday:** Joshua 24:13-24