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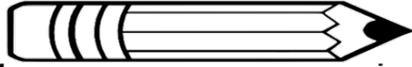
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2. How's God been working in Cornelius's heart? What is God's promise to all who seek Him (Jeremiah 29:13; Deuteronomy 4:29; Isaiah 55:6)?
3. For what reasons do you (or would you like to) appear on God's 'radar' like Cornelius did? (See Acts 10:4)
4. What did Peter do (compare Acts 8:35; Ephesians 6:19-20; Colossians 4:2-4)? What is often the hardest part in evangelism?
5. What admission does Peter begin with? Who does God accept (Acts 10:34-35; Romans 2:11-16)?
6. What did he tell them that God did through Jesus? Who did Jesus appear to (Acts 10:40-41)? Why does Peter mention this?
7. What does Peter say Jesus will return to do (verse 42; also John 5:22-29)?
8. What tremendous promise is given in verse 43? Who is this promise available for?
9. What would you consider to be the essentials of the gospel message?
- 10 Do we spend too much time trying to find ways of sharing the gospel with actions when, as Peter demonstrates, words might be more effective? Where is the balance between 'caring' and 'sharing'? Discuss.
- 11 What groups/types of people might you have wrestles over pride and/or prejudice with? Can you justify this position in view of the Scriptures?
- 12 Case study to discuss (sensitively): a new family join us for Sunday worship. The couple, and their children, love CBC and are made to feel welcome. They enquire about Church Membership. One in the couple is wrestling over their gender identity and the partner is being supportive of the exploration. What are some of the pastoral, ethical and theological issues? Can they become Church Members?

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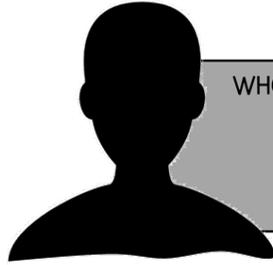
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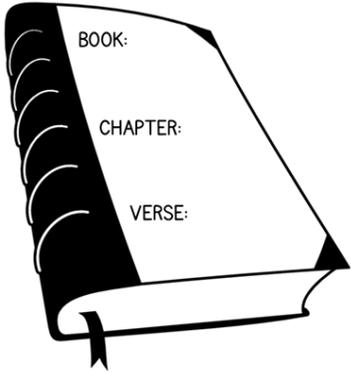
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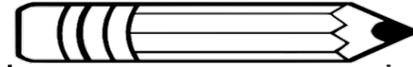


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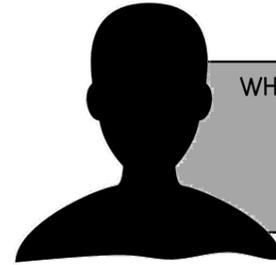
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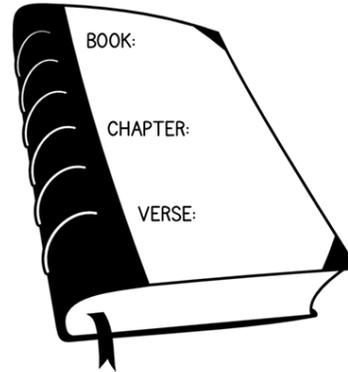
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