

Ready to Receive

Acts 10:1-8

_____ God prepares us for

_____ God

1. _____

- Disciplines of _____

2. _____

- Disciplines of _____

For Further Reflection and Discussion

Opener: After a busy day, how do you unwind?

How did God speak to you or work in you at church this Sunday?

Read Acts 10:1-8. How is Cornelius described in these verses?

Compare vv. 3-5 with vv. 30-32. What are the similarities? What nuances are different?

What would it look like for a person today to pray “continually,” as Cornelius did?

- What’s a step you could take to move closer to this being true (or more true) in your life?
- What challenges would you face in taking this step?
- What do you anticipate the benefits would be of an improved prayer life?

What would it look like for someone today to give “generously,” as Cornelius did?

- What’s a step you could take to move closer to this being true (or more true) in your life?
- What challenges would you face in taking this step?
- What do you anticipate the benefits would be of a more generous life?

Think about a time when you have been more spiritually “hungry” than you are now, and a time when you have been more spiritually “filled” than you are now. As best you understand it, what explains why you feel differently now than you did at those times?

- Based on your experience, how would you counsel a friend who described their current spiritual condition as hungry, dry or dark?

How can we pray for one another?