Hospitality

**Message Study Notes for 29th August 2021**

**Think of times when someone was hospitable to you. How did it make you feel?**

Hospitable seems to be a vision of the church, the kingdom.

**Should a church welcome all people? If not, why not?**

**Read** **Acts 10 verses 1 to 8.**

Cornelius was a centurion of Rome.

**Why would this story be difficult for the early listeners to take hold of?**

**Read** **Acts 10 verses 9 to 23.**

Peter’s vision makes him consider leaving behind the food regulations about what you eat and with whom.

**Why do you think eating together was important enough to warrant rules?**

**Read Acts 10 verses 23 to 48.**

Peter went into Cornelius’ house. Again this breaks a rule. But Peter shared Jesus.

**Does this say anything to you about when and how to break rules?**

We made three points:

**One:** The church’s vision needs to continually expand.

**What may hold us back?**

**Two:** God will always challenge our barriers and prejudices.

**Do you see barriers or prejudices in society? What and why?**

**Three:** Hospitality is significant.

**Think about your own hospitality. Does it need to improve?**

**Four:** God prepares, but we need to respond. If we stop going, we stop growing.

**Are there things we need to do, as a church, to improve our hospitality, and show Christ more?**