

## Next Door | *a case study in Acts on formissional community*

### **Mission in Your Formation**

Acts 10:17-20

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**Introduction:** God has a purpose for your life. An assignment. And it begins right where you are, right next door. The Bible tells us that God “became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighborhood” (John 1:14 MSG). Nothing will challenge and encourage you more than discovering that God can move in and through your life. That he’s already at work in your neighborhood and that he’s eager for you and a circle of other to join him. There’s a biblical pattern for ministry that we at UPC call ‘formissional community’. In this Next Door series, we’ll see what that looks like in the lives of two men named Peter and Cornelius.

**Prayer:** Father, we want to be on mission, just like Peter. Amen

**Read:** Acts 10:17-20

**Review:** What do you remember about Peter’s response to his visitors?

### **Discussion:**

1. Why did Peter wonder or think about his vision, which happened “three times”?
2. How did Peter know that he had visitors?
3. Why was the Spirit necessary to get Peter to go with the men from Cornelius?
4. The Spirit told Peter not to hesitate, in what must have been an uncertain situation. Have you ever received a “do not hesitate” instruction from the Spirit? Explain.

**Application:** This week be open to a surprising invitation.

**Prayer:** Father, we are grateful for this text with the interaction between Peter and the action of Cornelius and his men. Amen.