

Us vs. Them
(Acts 10)

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There must be a **strong "us"**

1. **Loved**
2. **Included**
3. **Challenged**
4. **Celebrated**

Sometimes a strong “us” leads to being group selfish to “them”

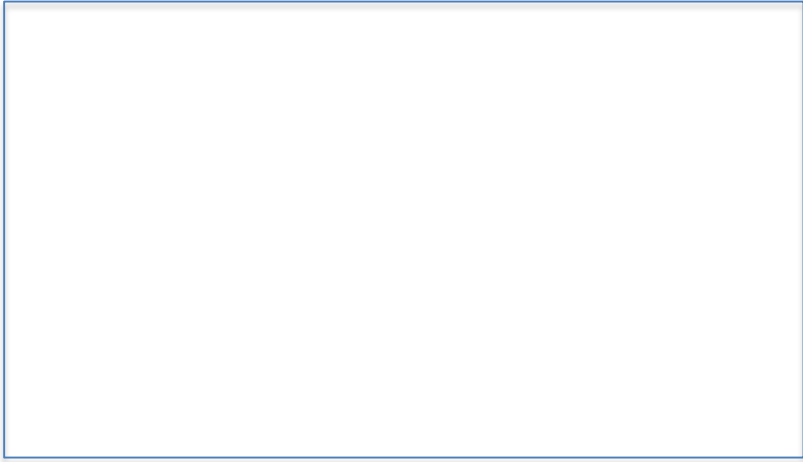
[Acts 10:9-17](#) (NKJV)

⁹The next day, as they went on their journey and drew near the city, Peter went up on the housetop to pray, about the sixth hour. ¹⁰Then he became very hungry and wanted to eat; but while they made ready, he fell into a trance¹¹ and saw heaven opened and an object like a great sheet bound at the four corners, descending to him and let down to the earth. ¹²In it were all kinds of four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, creeping things, and birds of the air. ¹³And a voice came to him, “Rise, Peter; kill and eat.”

¹⁴But Peter said, “Not so, Lord! For I have never eaten anything common or unclean.”

¹⁵And a voice *spoke* to him again the second time, “What God has cleansed you must not call common.” ¹⁶This was done three times. And the object was taken up into heaven again.

¹⁷Now while Peter wondered within himself what this vision which he had seen meant, behold, the men who had been sent from Cornelius had made inquiry for Simon’s house, and stood before the gate.



What is the first thing that needs to happen to bridge the gap?

Three thoughts for bridging the gap

1. We are better together

2. It won't be perfect

3. God shows up



Read [Acts 10:17-23](#) with your family. How can you invite someone different than yourselves into your home this week? How can you make them feel welcome and tell them about Jesus?