



THE ROOFTOP ENCOUNTER PERSONAL JOURNAL

Rooftop Ministries is an international effort to assist people in praying, in the spirit of Acts 10, when Peter, on the rooftop, experienced a vision in which unclean foods were presented to him as acceptable. Peter balked at the idea, but the vision persisted. Simultaneously, a delegation of Gentiles, from the household of Cornelius, had come seeking Peter, also a result of supernatural urging. Peter was told to not reject what God had cleansed. What followed was the induction into the Christian family of the first gentile converts.

Who have we excluded from the gospel? Who is living in our city to whom we might be blind? What rooftop encounter do we need in order to become more open to the lost around us.

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A FRESH VISION OF GOD'S HEART FOR THE LOST

The purpose of this time together is to seek a fresh vision of God's heart for the lost.

We want to allow time and space for listening both to God and to one another during this Encounter. We have discovered that periods of silence may be a very good thing as you open your heart and mind to God's presence among you and seek His heart.

PRIOR TO THE ENCOUNTER

- Choose a place for your Rooftop Encounter. It could be a literal rooftop or a hillside, any high place where you can look out over your city. If there is not a high place in your area, find a place to observe your city; downtown, a city park, a street corner. Any place where you can watch, pray, and listen to God.



THE ENCOUNTER

- Begin your time on the 'rooftop' by asking God to meet with and guide you. To awaken you to His heart for the lost (Acts 10:28). To awaken you to your heart attitudes that may be standing in the way of His plans and purposes. (Acts 11:17).
- Read the story of Peter and Cornelius in Acts 10:1 – 11:18. Having read the Scripture, take some time to quietly look across your city/community.
- Ask God to help you see what He sees.
- Take time to listen
- As He speaks to you, **write down what He is impressing on you in the 'WHILE YOU ARE ON THE ROOFTOP' space.**
- As you look across your city/community, consider the following questions:
 - What do you see as you look across the city, what kinds of people are there?
 - What do you think God sees as He looks at the city?
 - What do you see Jesus doing in your city?
 - What are some of our attitudes and customs that may prevent us from joining Jesus in His mission?
 - What do we need to do to join Jesus in HIS mission to 'seek and save what is lost'?

WHILE YOU ARE ON THE ROOFTOP

Use the space below to write down some things that you feel God has impressed upon you as you have been on the 'rooftop'.



AFTER YOU HAVE LEFT THE ROOFTOP

As you have spent time seeking a fresh vision of God's heart for the lost, He may have spoken to you in a very personal and specific way or He may have deepened your passion for lost people. It often takes a little time for us to 'hear' what God has been saying to us.

Use the space below to write down anything that you may feel God has impressed upon you as a result of having been on the 'rooftop'.

