

The Gospel Goes to the Gentiles

Acts 10

MAIN IDEAS

What does it look like to take the Gospel to a different culture?

What's the link between Jewish teachings on uncleanness and the Gospel going to the Gentiles?

1. What do you learn about Cornelius from Acts 10:1-8? How is he similar and different from Jewish and Samaritan converts up to this point?
2. How does Acts 10:9-16 compare to Mark 7:14-23? Why do you think Peter told Jesus, "No!"?
3. How did Jews view Gentiles or "heathen" (consider Leviticus 18:24-27; Matthew 18:15-17; Acts 10:28; Romans 11:24, 30-31; Ephesians 2:11-12)? What is the significance of Peter inviting Gentiles to lodge with him in verse 23 and going to Cornelius' house in verse 24? How does this inform us about the changes going on in Peter's heart and mind?
4. How did God prepare both groups for this encounter? Why do you think this was necessary?
5. How is Peter's sermon in verses 34-43 similar to his first sermon in Acts 2:14-36? Do you get the sense that Peter didn't fully understand his first sermon? Why do you think that is?
6. Why do you think God manifested the gift of tongues among the Gentiles in front of Jewish witnesses?

PERSONAL RESPONSE

Have you ever told God, "No"? Why did you and what was the result? What has God taught you through your disobedience?

Jere Vincent shared on Father's Day that Paul's conversion shows us no one is outside of God's power of salvation and forgiveness. While we say we believe this, how do we show that we sometimes doubt that truth?

Why do you think we need the Holy Spirit to share the Gospel across cultures?

Confess any disobedience against God and pray for Him to give you opportunities to share the Gospel with someone this week.

GROUP RESPONSE

Unlike Peter, we aren't eyewitnesses to Christ's life, death, and resurrection. How do we communicate this to the unbelieving world?

Name the different cultures/lifestyles your group collectively comes into contact with. If you're not already reaching out to these people, how can your group intentionally engage with them?

REPRODUCE

Talk with one of the missionaries at DEC (either currently serving or who have served in the past) and ask them about their experiences and how you can pray for the group they shared the Gospel with.

KEY VERSES

From the sermon:

- Acts 10

Additional verses from the study:

- Leviticus 18:24-27
- Mark 7:14-23
- Romans 11:24, 30-31
- Matthew 18:15-17
- Acts 2:14-36
- Ephesians 2:11-12