

Bible Summary- Acts 10

Breaking Racial Barriers

Peter is used by Jesus to unlock the door of salvation to the gentiles. In the process, he has to confront his own racist views about gentiles. He realizes that God has wanted to bless all nations and shows no partiality toward those he thought were unsaveable. These events work on Peter's heart but the process is not 100% complete. He visits a gentile church many years later and reverts into his us versus them mentality. Paul rebukes him because his actions are out of line with the gospel of Jesus that is for all people at all times.

Scripture: Acts 10:1-35; Galatians 2:11-14, Genesis 12:1-3; Matthew 15:18; Ephesians 5:32; Acts 11:26

Bible Questions and Application

(These are here as an aid in facilitating conversation.

There is no obligation to run through **every** question listed.)

1. How did sundays teaching challenge your thinking?
2. The Church of Antioch was an all inclusive church where members were jumping over barriers to be with one other.
 - a. What are some ways that we could expand our hearts personally and our church corporately to include and welcome what our minds might consider to be outsiders?
3. Reviewing Peters ministry as being the pastor of the first mega church; and seeing his shortcomings we are able to reflect on our own shortcomings. Can you address prejudices that you have had as a Christians toward other groups? (i.e. Religious, Ethnic, Social, etc.)
4. Mature Christians should filter all avenues of life through the gospel. How should the gospel trump our spiritual prejudices toward other groups?
5. In Christian culture we use the term Legalism.
 - a. What does Legalism mean to you?
 - b. In your own lives can you identify any legalistic tendencies?
6. In Galatians 2:11 Paul rebukes Peter for his action to retreat into his former legalistic mindset.
 - a. What can we learn from this interaction between two spiritual superstars?