



Sermon
Discussion
Guide

Sunday, January 12, 2025

ACTS – A Church Sent The Sender

Read/Reflect

1. Read Acts 10:1-23a. List all the characters involved in this passage. Who tends to rise to the forefront of your mind? Is that the same as the main character in this episode?
2. For the sake of “just wondering”: compare this story to the story in Luke 7:1-10. Do you think the centurion in Luke 7 could have been Cornelius?
3. Given who Cornelius was (Roman centurion) what do you think went through Cornelius’ mind as he received the instruction to send for a rabble-rouser under Roman occupation? What went through Peter’s mind as he received the Roman guests, recognizing that verse 23 would have been stunning, even alarming to any reader.

Explore

4. Cornelius’ life-style is assessed as a “memorial offering to God” (vs.4). What does your “memorial offering to God” look like?
5. Like Peter, what religious values and traditions have hindered you from reaching out to people different than you.
6. What kinds of divisions occur today that we could address as people following the good news of the gospel?
7. What are the demands of the gospel that ought to shape a response to the divisions we live with? For example, see Matthew 5, Philippians 2, Galatians 5.

Pray

- Pray for peace and reconciliation in the divisions that you’ve identified in question 6 above.