



Sermon
Discussion
Guide

Sunday, January 19, 2025

ACTS – A Sent Church A Celebration

Read/Reflect

1. Read Acts 10:23b -48. What do you think it was like for Peter and Cornelius to finally meet at the house of Cornelius? How does that set up the rest of the story?
2. Cornelius is instructed to send for Peter because Peter has a message for him and his household. From these verses, what was that message (see verses 34-43)? How does this message compare to the other two times that a sermon from Peter is recorded (see 2:36-39 & 3:177-23)?

Explore

3. How might your sense of hospitality play a role in your faith life? Or, how does your view of others influence your view of God?
4. What is the centre-point of your faith in Christianity? How do you live that out as you regard other people?
5. For over a thousand years God showed favor to his chosen people, Israel. If God is unchanging, how can Peter say that now he knows that God doesn't show favoritism? What has been God's plan since the beginning of time.
6. What are some illegitimate barriers that might make some people assume our church is just not for them? Are there legitimate barriers or necessary boundaries in order to belong to the church, and what might they be?

Pray

- Pray for people in your circles of family and friends who feel outside of God's hospitality.
- Praise God for the Holy Spirit's presence in your life, and for the seal of approval in your baptism that confirms God is always with you.