



Oakwood

CHURCH

January 24 Discussion Questions

“Good News for Everyone”

Acts 11:1-18

Preview

“God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.” Acts 10:35

1. God **Sees** everyone the same way (10:15,28; 11:9,12)
 - o With **Love** for lost sinners (Jn. 3:16)

“There is no distinction. For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.” Romans 3:22-24

2. God **Saves** everyone the same way (10:15)
 - o By the **Blood** of Jesus (10:43; 11:18)
3. God **Seals** everyone the same way (10:44; 11:15-16)
 - o Through the **Holy Spirit** (Rom. 8:16)

“In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit.” Eph. 1:13

Connect

1. What is one of your hobbies? Why do you enjoy it? What is another hobby you'd like to have?
2. What has stressed you or concerned you this past week?

Pray & Read Acts 11:1-18

Discuss

3. Someone describe in your own words the vision that Peter had? How does he interpret the purpose of this vision from the Lord?
4. How does this realization of the Gospel going to the Gentiles connect back to Acts 1:8?
5. What cultural practices was Peter wrestling with overcoming?
6. Who criticized Peter in v.2? What do you think these people believed? What subconscious expectations do we place on those we associate with today? Do you think similar expectations exist at Oakwood?
7. Where else in Scripture do we see God's heart for the whole world?
8. How does Jesus' death on the cross connect to our view of those who are so different from us?

Apply

9. In what way(s) are you like Peter? What cultural practices or beliefs from your past are you working to overcome?
10. How is this passage calling you to think differently?
11. How is this passage calling you to modify your attitude?
12. How is this passage calling you to obey Jesus?

Missional Check-In

13. How have you seen God at work this past week?
14. What opportunities did you have this week to shine His light?
15. What is one intentional step you can take this coming week to be a witness for Christ?

Church-Wide Prayer Focus, from the Prayer Team

Personal Prayer Focus: Pray for a heart to see past differences and to love like Jesus with no distinctions.