

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

Acts: The Church. Established. Empowered. Expanding - Acts 10:1-11:18 - God Cleanses the Common - 01.12.2025

1. Is there anything specific from this message that the Lord has impressed upon your heart?
If so, what is it & how do you feel the Lord calling you to respond?
2. Have you felt like an outsider even at a time when you may have been surrounded by other people?
Why did you feel that way? (i.e. did the others all have something in common that you lacked, or was it something else?)
Were you ever able to feel like an "insider" with those people, or did that feeling of being an outsider continue on?
How does the narrative from Acts 10:1-11:18 reveal that the hope of the gospel is that ANY person can become an insider?
How does the gospel specifically change the relationship between Jews and Gentiles as they trust in Jesus?
Where else does Scripture reveal the unique unity of ALL people who are in Christ Jesus?
3. How do we see God's willingness to use Peter despite his imperfections & wrongly held attitudes toward others?
How does the Lord continue to mature & instruct Peter in this area so he grows in godliness & doesn't continue in the wrong?
In the same way, how does the Lord use you despite your imperfections, weaknesses, misconceptions, etc.?
Have you allowed insecurities to lead to feeling unable to serve the Lord in ways that He might be calling you to serve?
How can we learn from what we see throughout Scripture as to how the Lord uses flawed people for His purposes?
Despite this, how do we know from Scripture that Jesus will finish the good work He began in us & sanctify us?
What is the means of our sanctification and how can we practically pursue sanctification in our lives?
4. As we see in this passage, regardless of whether somebody is a Gentile or a Jew, every person needs Jesus, who is Lord of all!
What does it mean that "Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life."
What do we see about the importance of repentance in the life of anybody who wishes to come to Jesus?
As this text indicates, what role does God play in a person's ability, desire, & determination to repent & find life in Jesus?
How does it impact you to know that your salvation is accomplished, initiated, and sustained by the faithful God?
5. Below are the "Today's Takeaways" from the sermon. Do any of these particularly encourage, convict, challenge, you, & if so, how?
Cornelius seeks the truth & is directed to Jesus!
All who genuinely seek truth will find it in Jesus!
Whatever God has made/called clean is truly clean!
Anybody who is in Christ is clean because of Him!
God works through Peter while He works IN him!
God uses His people even with our weaknesses!
God alone grants repentance that leads to life!
Repentance from sin & trust in Jesus is the way!