

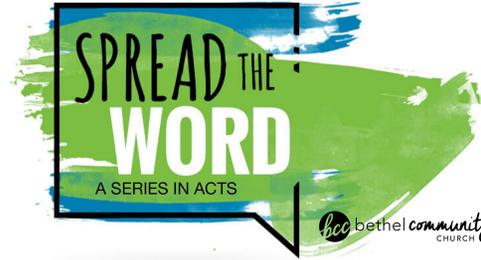
The Heart of the Matter

12. Who would it be harder to accept into your group or church? Someone like Peter? Someone like Cornelius?

13. What kind of walls do you have in your life that would need to come down for you to be more accepting of other people? Racial? Religious? Economic? Political? Moral?

14. Are there people in your past that you have written off that maybe in light of this passage you need to reach out to now?

15. What does this passage say to you about following Christ? What's important here?



Life Group Study Guide

The Power of Forgiveness Acts 10:34-48 For the Week of March 10, 2019

Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?
2. While growing up, how much exposure did you have with people from other ethnic groups? How about today?
3. Who are the people you like to hang out with the most?

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Digging Deeper

4. Given Peter's experience in verses 9-23 and what we learned about Cornelius previously, what might each of these men be thinking as they meet each other for the first time?

5. In verse 26 what does Peter's refusal to promote himself and accept worship show about him?

6. Jews regarded even people like Cornelius as pagans, unless they fully submitted to Jewish practices (11:3). What would verse 28 have meant for Cornelius?

7. Why is this account so important in the book of Acts (V28, 34-35, 43)?

8. What seems to be the main point in Peter's sermon to all those in Cornelius' house? How does this compare with his sermons in 2:36-39 and 3:17-23? Was Peter able to finish his sermon in this passage?

9. From all of Peter's sermons what do you see as central to the Gospel message?

10. In light of the astonished reaction of the Jews in verse 45, what did it mean that the Gentiles spoke in tongues at the outpouring of the Holy Spirit? (V47)

11. How did all of this relate to Peter's private vision that he experienced in verses 9-23? How was taking the message to the Gentiles in this passage a fulfillment of Genesis 12:1-3?