

Acts – 10/4/26

Read

Read Acts 10:1-48 and consider what lessons the Holy Spirit intends us to learn.

Examine

- As best you can, explain the relationship between the Jews and Gentiles to this point in the Bible's storyline. What would Peter's view of Gentiles have been at this point?
- What is the relationship between the unclean foods in Peter's vision (v. 9-16) with ways Jews and Gentiles relate? Why did the gospel come first to the Jews, then to the Gentiles? Does this mean God preferred the Jews?
- What stands out from Peter's proclamation of the gospel in v.35-43? How does this preaching compare to Peter's sermon at Pentecost?
- Read Acts 1:8 and 2:17-18. What is significant about the Holy Spirit being poured out on the Gentiles in v.44-48? What does this mean for the spread of the gospel?

Apply

- Peter told Cornelius, "Stand up; I too am a man," when Cornelius worshipped Peter. How can we adopt this perspective in ministry instead of receiving worship?
- V.34-35 teach that God doesn't show partiality to people of any particular nation over another. What barriers exist today to this kind of mentality? How can we, like God, show no partiality?
- What barriers divide Christians among themselves, and divide Christians from non-Christians? How can we as a community embody the unifying nature of the gospel?
- Cornelius still needed to hear about Jesus even though he was described as "devout" and "God-fearing." Why does it matter that Cornelius still needed to hear the full gospel? How does this help us approach evangelism toward those who vaguely believe in God, a higher power, or general spiritual realities?

Pray

Take time to praise God for who He is, confess sins, and/or make requests based on this passage.