

WEEK 36 Student Workbook

# GOSPEL TO THE NATIONS

God welcomes all peoples.

An interactive self-paced workbook for Scripture engagement, reflection, prayer, and faithful response.

ACTS 10 | ISAIAH 56 | PSALM 67

ROMANS 15 | PSALM 96

THE CRUCIBLE'S FIRE



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### **GOD WELCOMES ALL PEOPLES.**

A five-day guided study for moving from Scripture observation to thoughtful response, prayer, and faithful welcome in the family of God.

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*Use this workbook alongside the approved Week 36 devotionals. Read the assigned passage in full, take your time, and answer honestly before the Lord.*

**WEEK 36 ORIENTATION****A GUIDED STUDY OF GOD'S WELCOME TO THE NATIONS****MAIN GOAL**

Normalize global inclusion.

**CORE TEACHING**

God welcomes all peoples.

**BEGIN WITH THE BIBLICAL STORY**

Acts 10 shows Peter crossing a boundary God has already been preparing him to cross. Isaiah 56 makes clear that God's purpose to gather the nations was never an afterthought. Psalm 67 turns blessing outward; Romans 15 brings that welcome into the life of the church; Psalm 96 lifts every people toward the worship of the one true King.

**FIVE-DAY JOURNEY**

| DAY                                | FOCUS                                                                                    |
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| <b>D1   STORY</b>                  | God opens the door of the gospel beyond the boundaries Peter assumed.                    |
| <b>D2   WORLDVIEW</b>              | God's purpose to gather all peoples has been woven through His story from the beginning. |
| <b>D3   HEART</b>                  | God's blessing is meant to make His salvation known beyond ourselves.                    |
| <b>D4   WAY</b>                    | Christ's welcome reshapes the way His church receives one another.                       |
| <b>D5   WORSHIP &amp; RESPONSE</b> | The nations are invited to declare the Lord's glory and join in His praise.              |

**BEFORE YOU BEGIN**

When you hear that God welcomes all peoples, what comes to mind first? What might make that truth challenging to receive or live out?

## DAY 1 | THE STORY

# The Door God Opened

## TODAY'S READING: Acts 10

## KEY VERSE | ACTS 10:43

*"All the prophets testify about him that through his name everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins."*

## DEVOTIONAL FOCUS

God confronts Peter's assumptions about Gentiles and sends him to Cornelius. When the Spirit comes upon Gentile hearers, God proves that no culture owns the gospel and believers are not the gatekeepers of grace.

## ENGAGE THE TEXT

1. Read Acts 10:1-23. What steps does God take to lead Peter and Cornelius toward one another?

2. Read Acts 10:34-48. What does Peter say he has learned, and what does God do while Peter is still speaking?

## DEEPER WORK

Where might you have assumed someone is too far from God, or must become more like you before you welcome them?

*Write a prayerful response before the Lord.*

## PRAY

*Father, widen my heart by Your mercy. Help me welcome others in the gospel of Your Son. Amen.*

## DAY 2 | THE WORLDVIEW

# A House for All Peoples

**TODAY'S READING:** Isaiah 56**KEY VERSE | ISAIAH 56:7***"For my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations."***DEVOTIONAL FOCUS**

Isaiah speaks to people who fear exclusion and promises welcome to those who hold fast to God's covenant. His house belongs to Him, and He gathers nations. Acts 10 continues, rather than changes, that long-running plan.

**ENGAGE THE TEXT**

1. Read Isaiah 56:1-8. What fears of exclusion does God address, and what welcome does He promise?

2. How do Isaiah 56 and Acts 10 together show that God's purpose to gather the nations is part of His redemptive plan?

**DEEPER WORK**

Where might you confuse a familiar Christian culture with the hard and fast boundaries of belonging to God's kingdom?

*Be honest. Ask the Spirit to search your heart.*

**PRAY**

*Father, guard me from making Your family smaller than You have made it. Teach me to welcome those who are found in You. Amen.*

## DAY 3 | THE HEART

# Blessed Beyond Ourselves

**TODAY'S READING:** Psalm 67**KEY VERSE | PSALM 67:2***"So that your way may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations."***DEVOTIONAL FOCUS**

Psalm 67 gives a destination to God's blessing: that His way and salvation may be known across the earth. It invites us to desire not just our own good, but the praise of God among people far beyond our reach.

**ENGAGE THE TEXT**

1. Read Psalm 67:1-2. What is the relationship between God's blessing and His salvation becoming known?

2. Read Psalm 67:3-7. What does the psalmist want the peoples and nations to do, and why?

**DEEPER WORK**

Complete this prayer: 'Father, bless me so that Your name may be known through...'

*Consider your prayers, resources, relationships, and ministry.*

**PRAY**

*Father, bless us so that Your ways may be known in all the earth. Grow in me a desire that reaches beyond my own concerns. Amen.*

## DAY 4 | THE WAY

# The Shape of Gospel Welcome

## TODAY'S READING: Romans 15

## KEY VERSE | ROMANS 15:7

*"Therefore accept one another, just as Christ also accepted you, to the glory of God."*

## DEVOTIONAL FOCUS

Romans 15 brings Scripture's global vision into the ordinary life of the church. Believers receive one another because Christ has received them. Unity does not demand sameness; it is formed around God's mercy in Christ.

## ENGAGE THE TEXT

1. Read Romans 15:1-7. How does Christ's welcome shape the way believers are to receive one another?

2. Read Romans 15:8-13. How does Paul connect welcome inside the church with the nations praising God for His mercy?

## DEEPER WORK

What is one concrete practice of patience, generosity, listening, or hospitality that would help you live as a welcomed and welcoming person?

*Name something specific enough to practice this week.*

## PRAY

*Father, You have received me with mercy. Teach me to receive others in the same spirit of grace. Amen.*

## DAY 5 | WORSHIP &amp; RESPONSE

# Declare His Glory

**TODAY'S READING:** Psalm 96**KEY VERSE | PSALM 96:3***"Declare his glory among the nations, his wondrous works among all peoples."***DEVOTIONAL FOCUS**

Psalm 96 calls the whole world to praise the Lord and to declare His glory. The nations are people God intends to call to Himself. One Creator and Lord deserves the worship of every people on earth.

**ENGAGE THE TEXT**

1. Read Psalm 96:1-6. Who is called to worship, and what are God's people called to declare?

2. Read Psalm 96:7-13. How does the psalm describe the Lord's unique worthiness and creation's response to Him?

**DEEPER WORK**

Where might God be inviting you to move from appreciating His global mission to participating in it?

*Think in terms of worship, witness, prayer, generosity, or welcome.*

**PRAY**

*Father, You are worthy of praise. Let Your glory be declared among all peoples. Receive my worship and witness as part of Your mission. Amen.*



## WEEKLY SYNTHESIS

# Welcomed to Welcome

Lookback across the week. Keep your answers rooted in the passages you have read.

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1. What has this week shown you about God's purpose for the nations and for His people?

2. How do Acts 10 and Isaiah 56 together show that God's welcome is neither narrow nor new?

3. Where has the Spirit exposed an assumption, preference, or fear that could keep you from welcoming people as Christ has welcomed you?

4. What faithful act of prayer, hospitality, generosity, or witness can you practice this week as part of God's mission?

## WEEKLY SUMMARY

God's welcome is grounded in His mercy and unfolds within His purpose to gather a people from every nation. The gospel does not make one culture the doorway to belonging. It calls people everywhere to receive Christ, join His family, and declare His glory.

## FINAL REFLECTION

# How Will You Respond?

Answer honestly and briefly. You are not promising outcomes you cannot control. You are naming one faithful response to the God who welcomes people by grace.

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1. What truth about God's welcome do you most need to carry forward?

2. Who might you be tempted to see first through a cultural, social, or personal category rather than as a possible recipient of God's grace?

3. How can your prayers, resources, relationships, or ministry make God's salvation known beyond your immediate world?

4. What is one specific, faithful next step you will take this week to welcome or serve someone in the spirit of Christ?

## CLOSING PRAYER

*Father, thank You that Your mercy reaches farther than my assumptions. Teach me to receive others in the same spirit of grace by which You received me. Let Your name be known among all peoples, and make my life, worship, resources, and witness a faithful part of Your mission. Amen.*

PRAYER AND NOTES

# Continue the Conversation with God

Use this space for prayers, Scripture observations, questions, or commitments you want to revisit.

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