

They Quieted Down

Acts 10:1–11:26

Key question: Who have I been calling _____?

Big idea: Prejudice begins to give way when God's _____ is heard, believed, and obeyed.

I. A Word You Learned Before You Could Read

Peter loved Jesus and preached the truth, yet he still carried an unexamined word about a whole class of people. A word learned before we can question it may feel like the _____ of God simply because it was there before us.

II. God Prepared Both Men

God prepared Cornelius to _____, Peter to _____, and six Jewish brethren to witness what He did. If God is working on a prejudice in me, He may already be working on the person I _____.

III. I Should Not Call Any Man Unholy or Unclean

"God has shown me that I should not call any man _____ or _____." **Acts 10:28**

The prejudice lived in a word before it lived in a _____. Peter's sermon began with every _____ and ended with everyone who believes. Every nation, not every _____.

IV. You Went to Uncircumcised Men and Ate with Them

"You went to uncircumcised men and _____ with them." **Acts 11:3**

The table reveals whom we truly _____. Peter's answer was simple:

"Who was I that I could stand in _____'s way?"

Jesus never allowed an inherited label to determine what He would do with a person's soul.

V. They Quieted Down

"When they heard this, they _____ down and glorified God." **Acts 11:18**

The church that stopped calling people unclean was called by a new name: _____. Yet Acts 15, Galatians 2, and Acts 22 remind us that prejudice must be guarded against deliberately.

VI. Who Is Your Cornelius

1. Who in this congregation have I never _____ with?
2. What _____ do I use when nobody from that group is in the room?
3. How will I respond when someone _____ me?

Seeing another person's differences is not the sin. Calling that person unclean because of those differences is.

The name of my Cornelius: _____

VII. Invitation

"God is not one to show partiality, but in every nation the man who fears Him and does what is right is welcome to Him." **Acts 10:34-35**

The same _____ died for us, the same _____ calls us, and the same _____ cleanses us.

Hear the word. Quiet down. Glorify God. Repent. Open the door.

Who are we to stand in God's way?