

life groups

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On the Move

Acts 10

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Main Idea

Although the Jews were God's chosen people, we see in Acts 10 an important and strategic move of the Holy Spirit to expand the church to the Gentiles and all known nations and peoples of the world.

Introduction

When is the last time you showed favoritism towards something or someone? Do you think we have a natural tendency to think we have or DON'T have something that makes us better than someone else?

Understanding

Pastor Scott walks us through chapter 10 of Acts that shows us two very different men having a vision from God at the same time that profoundly impacts the church as we know it today. While the Israelites are God's chosen people, at the same time God does not show favoritism. Discuss the following points from Scott's sermon in your group.

1. God always knows where you are. (v.5-16) He knows where you are physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually. What does that mean to you and how does it make you feel? Read v.11-13. Scott pointed out that God will often use what's on your mind or heart to speak spiritual truth into your life. Have you experienced this?
2. God always has perfect timing. (v.17-33) Read these verses. What do you remember from the sermon about this point? How have you experienced God's perfect timing?
3. God does not show favoritism with the Gospel. (v.34-48) If we re-word the definition of favoritism that Scott gave us, and turn it around to what we SHOULD do, we have: "accepting of all persons, one who does NOT discriminate, a respecter of all persons." The Gospel is now for ALL people. As Scott pointed out, this is a huge moment in history. Briefly discuss the ramifications of this moment in your group...what if this didn't happen? How has this affected your family in this time? (Do you have Jewish roots? Would you be a t church today?)

Application

God knows where you are; how would He find you today spiritually and/or mentally? God always has perfect timing; Scott asks us, are we alert watching and waiting for His next step in our lives? What are you asking for or waiting for today? God does not show favoritism; who do we need to include in our lives today and share our God story with?

Prayer

Pray for each other in your group and their various requests. Specifically pray for any points brought up during the application section for each person.