

Small Group Discussion Guide

“No Limits (pt. 5)” - 01.31.16

Scripture: Acts 10:1-48

Bottom Line: Grow in grace towards all people, including yourself!

INTRODUCTION/BREAKING THE ICE:

Icebreakers are a great way to get your group talking and learn more about each other. Use some of the following examples or make up your own questions for you group. What's the most awkward encounter you've ever had with a stranger? If you could meet one person, alive or dead, who would it be and why?

UNPACKING THE GOSPEL

The encounter between Cornelius and Peter is the fulfillment of a promise that had been made thousands of years before hand. God promised to bless all nations through Abraham's family. Jesus' life, death, and resurrection has brought salvation to all people without partiality!

Read Acts 10:1-33

1) Who are the 2 strangers who meet in this text? What's important to know about them?

Answer: Peter was Jewish and Cornelius was not. Peter was still under the assumption that the Jewish people were still considered God's, "chosen," people whom God showed favoritism towards.

Read Acts 10:34-48

1) What did Peter state that he, "now understood,"? Why is that important?

Answer: That God showed no partiality! God's grace is towards ALL people.

2) What changed when it comes to God's offer of salvation?

Answer: God has always been for the nations! Jesus was always part of the plan to bring salvation to all people. In the Old Testament we see the Father promising to bring Jesus into the world for the forgiveness of sins. He chose a particular people group to bring Jesus into the world to then bless all nations!

3) Cornelius gathered his entire family and all of his friends to hear the good news about Jesus. Imagine you were in Peter's shoes. How would you communicate the gospel to friends who were eager to hear the message?

LIVING OUT THE GOSPEL IN MY EVERYDAY LIFE

1) Who in your life have you considered out of reach of God's grace? Pray for that person with your group!

2) God's grace and salvation is for ALL people! In which areas of your life do you need to grow in grace towards yourself?