

Pastor Todd Schlechty September 20, 2015 Big News Acts 10:1-48

God's Vision for a different kind of Church: (Acts 10)

Acts 10:13 A voice came to him, "Get up, Peter, kill (takes as a sacrificial offering to God) and eat!" 14 But Peter said, "By no means, Lord, for I have never eaten anything unholy and unclean." 15 Again a voice came to him a second time, "What God has cleansed, no longer consider unholy." 16 This happened three times, and immediately the object was taken up into the sky. Acts 10:23-35 ... And on the next day he got up and went away with them, and some of the brethren from Joppa accompanied him. 24 On the following day he entered Caesarea. Now Cornelius was waiting for them and had called together his relatives and close friends. 25 When Peter entered, Cornelius met him, and fell at his feet and worshiped him. 26 But Peter raised him up, saying, "Stand up; I too am just a man." 27 As he talked with him, he entered and found many people assembled. 28 And he said to them, "You yourselves know how unlawful it is for a man who is a Jew to associate with a foreigner or to visit him; and yet God has shown me that I should not call any man unholy or unclean. 29 That is why I came without even raising any objection when I was sent for. So I ask for what reason you have sent for me." 30 Cornelius said, "Four days ago to this hour, I was praying in my house during the ninth hour; and behold, a man stood before me in shining garments, 31 and he said, 'Cornelius, your prayer has been heard and your alms have been remembered before God. 32 Therefore send to Joppa and invite Simon, who is also called Peter, to come to you; he is staying at the house of Simon the tanner by the sea.' 33 So I sent for you immediately, and you have been kind enough to come. Now then, we are all here present before God to hear all that you have been commanded by the Lord." 34 Opening his mouth, Peter said: "I most certainly understand now that God is not one to show partiality, 35 but in every nation the man who fears Him and does what is riaht is welcome to Him.

Point:



Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!

- 1. Have you ever asked, "I wonder if Jesus is for me?"
- 2. Have you ever thought, "I wonder if church is for me?
- 3. Have you ever seen the vision that Jesus is for everyone? How would experiencing that vision change your life?
- 4. Do you want to be part of a church that has a vision of a Jesus for everyone?
- 5. Are you ready to share the vision of a Jesus for everyone?

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