

SERMON GUIDE

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Acts 10:1-48

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SERMON NOTES

OUR MISSION is to make more and better disciples of Jesus Christ.

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE (Year 2, Week 40)

1 Peter 3:18 (Gospel)

For Christ also suffered[a] once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit,


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The Conversation Guide is a great tool for individuals, families, discipleship groups and Missional Communities to take a deeper, more personal dive into the content of the current sermon series. The Conversation Guide will be posted by every Friday on the 'live' page of our website and in our weekly newsletter. We encourage you to use it this week on your own, around your dinner tables, over coffee with your friends or in your faith groups!

The Conversation Guide is built on the SOAP model, which is a tool you can use when reading the Bible. SOAP helps you be intentional about paying attention to:

Scripture that stands out to you while you read

Observations about the verse or phrases that stood out to you

Application that connect the verses to your real life and relationships

Prayers that invites God to participate in your life and provide power to follow him

Conversation Questions

Getting to Know Me: Have you ever been invited to go to someone's home from a different culture? Were you nervous? What was the experience like?

Note About the Passage: The law of Moses did not explicitly forbid Jews from entering the homes of Gentiles; however, Jewish customs and traditions that developed later did impose such restrictions to maintain ritual purity, avoid idolatry, and maintain Israel's unique status as the people of God. The law of Moses did forbid eating certain foods for all of the same reasons (Lev. 11; Dt. 14).

Read Acts 10:1-48

- S** What verses, phrases, or words stand out to you as you read these scriptures? Is anything jumping off the page and affecting your spirit?
- O** This is one of the most important scenes in all of scripture.
 - What kinds of "coincidences" does God orchestrate in this story? Where is his hand at work?
 - What do we learn about the heart of God in this story?
 - Why do you think he showed Peter the same vision three times? What do we learn about his heart for Peter?
 - What does he want for Cornelius? What does he want for the church?
- O** How do you think Peter is feeling in this story? What do you think he was thinking about as he made the journey to Cornelius' house?
- A** If God had written this passage just for you, what words, phrases or ideas would he have underlined specifically for you? What did you need to hear most? Why?
- A** Is there any place that you sense God is asking you to go for him? Anyone that you sense he is asking you to talk to? What attributes of God's character or promises from God will be most important to you as you go?
- A** In the sermon, Pastor Prince introduced us to an acronym: FRANCES – Friends, Relatives, Acquaintances, Neighbors, Coworkers, Enemies, Strangers. In the coming month we're going to commit to asking for God's mercy in the lives of these people, and for opportunity to introduce them to Jesus. Do any names come immediately to mind?
- P** Talk to God about your application responses above. Ask him to speak to you, help you, forgive you, and provide direction that you need.