



These questions are designed to extend the impact of the Sunday message. Feel free to use them for your personal study time, your family, or your Family Group.

MESSAGE OVERVIEW

The first century world was racially and ethnically divided. That divide is clearly seen in Acts 10 and 11. Peter's eyes are opened to just how wide the arms of God are open to people. He must have been surprised to learn that "God accepts men from every nation who fear him and do what's right." Even though it's centuries old, this passage offers fresh perspective to a racially tense 21st century world.

ICE BREAKER

What's been one of the biggest surprises of your life?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Were you surprised to learn about the racial tension that existed in the first century? Why or why not?

What are some ways the church has shown favoritism over the years?

What are some ways that you've shown favoritism?

What are some practical ways you can be more like God when it comes to accepting people?

What are some practical ways the church can be more like God when it comes to accepting people?

Peter was criticized when he arrived back in Jerusalem. What does that tell you about the way a 1st Century Jewish person viewed Gentiles?

In light of current events, what can Christians do to lead the culture when it comes to race relations?

APPLICATION

What is God saying to you through this passage?

In light of what you've heard, how are you going to be different in the future?