

No Favoritism Message 10

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Outline

Then Peter replied, "I see very clearly that God showsno favoritism."Acts 10:34 (NLT)

A. Introduction

B. Evidence of our equality: (Acts 10:1-48)

1. Require God's _____. (Acts 10:1-8. C/R: Romans 5:6-8; Ephesians 2:1-5; 2 Timothy 1:9; Titus 3:4-5) 2. Reflect the _____ of God. (Acts 10:9-33. C/R: Genesis 1:27; 9:6; Leviticus 20:25-26; Psalm 139:13; James 3:7-9)

Redeemed through the ______.
(Acts 10:34-43. C/R: Romans 1:16; 3:23; Ephesians 2:14; 3:6-10)

4. Regenerated by the _____. (Acts 10:44-48. C/R: Acts 15:8; Romans 8:9,11,16; 1 Corinthians 12:13)

Answers: 1. intervention 2. image 3. Gospel 4. Spirit

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Discussion Guide

Use this guide by yourself or with friends to pursue a deeper relationship with Jesus. To connect with others, visit <u>brookwoodchurch.org/adults</u>.

Conversation Starter

What is a food you prefer not to eat?

Begin your study with prayer

Pause for a few minutes to quiet your heart and mind. Ask God to help you experience His love and hear His voice as you reflect on this week's lesson.

Bible Study and Group Discussion

Read <u>Acts 10:1-8</u>.

- 1. The angel highlighted two practices of Cornelius as being received or noticed by God. What are they? (vs. 2-4)
- 2. What stands out to you about Cornelius' response to the angel?
- 3. What practice are you doing or would you be open to trying that might be affirmed by God?

Read <u>Acts 10:9-33</u>.

- 4. What do the experiences of Cornelius and Peter have in common?
- 5. What's the significance of verse <u>28</u> for the early church and us today?
- 6. What has hindered you from developing relationships with those who are different from you? What step can you take to overcome it?

Read <u>Acts 10:34-48</u>.

- 7. What words and phrases in this passage indicate who God wants to receive the message of Jesus?
- 8. What signs showed evidence the Holy Spirit fell on those who believed? What was their next step?
- 9. What simple steps taken by Peter or Cornelius would you consider taking to experience God's power or His voice?

Spiritual Practice

Spiritual Practices help us experience the Holy Spirit's work in our lives. They're meant to be more than one-time actions, becoming a natural part of our lives.

Who do you spend time with who's different from you? (examples: beliefs, background, stage in life, race, etc.). Ask God to show you **who** He wants you to get to know better and **what** He wants you to share with them.

Memory Verse

For Christ Himself has brought peace to us. He united Jews and Gentiles into one people when, in His own body on the cross, He broke down the wall of hostility that separated us. Ephesians 2:14 (NLT)

Daily Reading

Day 1: Ephesians 2:1-10	Day 4: Psalm 139:13-18
Day 2: Ephesians 2:11-18	Day 5: <u>Romans 8:5-17</u>
Day 3: Ephesians 3:6-12	

Prepare for Next Sunday

Sunday, November 29, we'll conclude the series titled *Church Empowered*. To prepare, read <u>Acts 12:1-25</u>.



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