

Sermon Discussion Questions for Small Groups

Week of March 18th

Sermon Titled: "God is the Author of World Missions"
(or "Joy to the World")

Open in Prayer. Read Acts 10:30-43.

As you begin, ask the group: How would you summarize the main points of the sermon? What stood out to you about the sermon? What questions did you have? What challenged you?

Note for the discussion and application questions: choose a couple of the questions below to discuss and go deeper with the sermon together.

Application & Discussion Questions

1. Describe a time when you forgot something important that you knew already. Are there lessons that you feel like you keep having to learn?
2. How could Peter forget that the gospel is for Jews and Gentiles? How does God remind Peter of the scope of the gospel? How do we forget and how does the Lord remind us?
3. What is a modern example of how the American evangelical church may restrict the scope of the gospel or limit it based on traditions, ideology or demographic?
4. Summarize the attitude of Cornelius, visible in his ability to gather family and friends (10.24) and in his comments to Peter in 10.33? What can we learn from Cornelius?
5. How could Peter say that he now understands that "God shows no partiality"? How could he forget the gospel? How do we forget the gospel? How do we remember it?

Prayer Focus: Pray for our newly baptized children. May they grow in grace and the knowledge of Christ through God's Word and work and by participating in our covenant family:

- Petra Amelie Hilkemann
- Ann Margaret Murphy
- Mae Bradford Williams
- John Stanley Lestock