

Sermon Discussion Guide for small groups, families, and individuals

“Even to Gentiles”
Acts 11
August 9-10, 2014

For Starters

1. What are your earliest memories of going to church? Are they good memories or not so good memories?
2. What are you most excited about when you think of the future at Door Creek Church? At Sprecher campus and/or at North Campus?

Digging In

1. In Acts 11:2 a group of Jewish Christians are upset that Gentiles are coming to know Christ. Why do you think they felt that way? Why were they not initially excited at this?
2. Why do you think that God gives Peter the vision with animals and food? What does sharing a meal and hospitality have to do with accepting different kinds of people?
3. Read through Acts 10:34-36 and Acts 11:15-18. What is so transformative about Peter’s revelation here? And what implications does it have for the church today?
4. Read through Acts 11:19-26. What are some elements of the narrative that jump out to you?
5. How does Acts 10-11 connect with Door Creek Church and connect with the worship we see in Revelation 7:9-12?

Bringing It Home

1. The church leaders realize that salvation has been granted “even to Gentiles.” Fill in the blank, “Even to _____” with a person or a group of people that you feel represent “Gentiles” today. Who are the modern-day Gentiles that we can be guilty of keeping out of the church?
2. If Jesus is “Lord of all” then the Gospel is “good news sent to all”. How does the declaration that Jesus is “Lord of all” provide the fuel for the church being a place of reconciliation and peace for all people?
3. Have you ever let your personal preferences about what the church should look like or what the church should be doing overshadow your passion for proclaiming the Gospel? (Be honest!)
4. Where do you feel God calling you to help “ready the house” at Door Creek Church? Where can God use you to be the body of Jesus in our city? (If you are unsure, then pray to God about it and/or contact the church to find ways to get involved!)

Digging Deeper

Read through Acts 11:19-26 together again and spend time praying for God to do in our time what he did through the church at Antioch. Pray that all people would hear the good news of Jesus, turn to Him for life, and then live lives sent into the world making much of His name alone until we experience Revelation 7:9-12 together!

Belonging to a small group is a great way to grow spiritually. If you would like to join a group or get more information, contact Melanie at myeazel@doorcreekchurch.org.