



Worship Guide for **March 31, 2019**

Sermon Notes

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The Gospel Breaks Through the Wall of Prejudice

Acts 9:32 – 10:33 (pew Bible pgs. 918-919)

The main character in the book of Acts is Jesus. He is the message in every sermon. His Spirit is the one leading and empowering the church. Jesus is the one that is healing, saving, and transforming the world. *“This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”* (Acts 2:32 & 36)

While Jesus is the main character, two men stand front and center as the dominant characters in Acts: Peter and Paul. Peter is the key leader in the first half of Acts. Paul takes the spot light in the remainder of the book. Saul (Paul) has been the focus of first part of Acts 9, but in today’s text Peter is again the central figure. Peter has been God’s primary spokesman as the gospel has spread throughout Jerusalem and Judea (Acts 2-ff). He was there in Samaria when the Holy Spirit was given to the Samaritans after they received the gospel message of Philip (Acts 8). Now Peter will again be front and center as the gospel mission turns to the Gentiles. The events in Acts 10 are a major turning point in the growth of Christianity. Today we see God do amazing works *through* Peter. More importantly we see God do an amazing work *in* Peter. Both were necessary before the gospel could go forth to the nations in Acts. Both are still necessary today if we are to see the gospel break through the walls of prejudice in our community.

The Gospel at work *through* Peter – personal ministry empowered by Jesus (Acts 9:32-42)

The healing of Aeneas: The followers of Jesus described
The compassion of Jesus exhibited
The power of Jesus on demonstrated
The gospel of Jesus validated and received

The raising of Dorcas: A worthy epitaph for a disciple
The faith-filled grief of God’s people
Death-defeating power that demands a response

The Gospel at work *in* Peter – personal prejudices dismantled by Jesus (Acts 9:43-10:16)

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God confronts our prejudices through his revelation to us
God crushes our prejudices when we see others as God sees us

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Use this guide to help you reflect upon and internalize today's passage and message! Using a journal or a notebook, follow the daily prompts below. We also use these guides to guide our discussions in our Life Groups each week as we seek to grow together in the Word!

Sunday

In your journal, reflect on today's sermon by answering the following:

I never knew:

I was challenged:

I was reminded:

I was convicted:

A question I still have:

A truth I could share:

Know

Monday

Spend some time today doing the following:

Read the sermon passage again.

Select a portion of this week's sermon passage to memorize this week.

Write your selected portion and read it to yourself at least 10 times throughout the day and meditate on that portion this week.

Know > Be

Tuesday

In your journal, spend some time writing about the following:

Read the sermon passage again.

Write a prayer of response, specifically guided by the passage.

(May include adoration, confession/repentance, thanksgiving, petition, etc...)

Continue to meditate on a memorize the selection you chose from yesterday.

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Wednesday

Think about this week's questions for group discussion:

How has the gospel done a similar work your life to that of Peter's in Acts 9/10 in the way you view people and the culture around you?

In what ways do you continue to struggle with prejudice or preferences that may color the way you see certain people? How can your group pray?

As we continue to be painfully aware of brokenness and prejudice in our world today, how does our eternal hope inform our perspective of that brokenness, the cure for it, and our response to it?

Be > Do

Thursday

In your journal, spend some time considering the following:

What insights have you gained while internalizing this week's passage?

How specifically will you seek to apply its truths in your home/workplace/life in general?

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