

Q4W2

Expansion

The Church Welcomes Gentiles **TOPIC 1**

The Church Multiplies **TOPIC 2**

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THE CHURCH WELCOMES GENTILES

Acts 10

¹ At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion of what was known as the Italian Cohort, ² a devout man who feared God with all his household, gave alms generously to the people, and prayed continually to God. ³ About the ninth hour of the day he saw clearly in a vision...And now send men to Joppa and bring one Simon who is called Peter. ⁶ He is lodging with one Simon, a tanner, whose house is by the sea.” ⁷ When the angel who spoke to him had departed, he called two of his servants and a devout soldier from among those who attended him, ⁸ and having related everything to them, he sent them to Joppa.

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⁹ The next day, as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the housetop...fell into a trance ¹¹ and saw the heavens opened and something like a great sheet descending, being let down by its four corners upon the earth. ¹² In it were all kinds of animals and reptiles and birds of the air. ¹³ And there came a voice to him: “Rise, Peter; kill and eat.” ¹⁴ But Peter said, “By no means, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is common or unclean.” ¹⁵ And the voice came to him again a second time, “What God has made clean, do not call common.”

¹⁷ Now while Peter was inwardly perplexed... ¹⁹ And while Peter was pondering the vision,

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²⁴ And on the following day they entered Caesarea. Cornelius was expecting them and had called together his relatives and close friends.

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³⁴ So Peter opened his mouth andpreaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ...³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses... ⁴³ To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

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⁴⁴ While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. ⁴⁵ And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. ⁴⁶ For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, ⁴⁷ “Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸ And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

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Exodus 9:16

But for this purpose I have raised you up, to show you my power, so that my name may be proclaimed in all the earth.

“The best of the Gentiles should be killed.”

-Rabbi Shimon bar Yohai (Talmud)

Romans 2:28-29

²⁸ For no one is a Jew who is merely one outwardly, nor is circumcision outward and physical. ²⁹ But a Jew is one inwardly, and circumcision is a matter of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter. His praise is not from man but from God.

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Acts 11

¹ Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. ² So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, ³ “You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them.” ⁴ But Peter began and explained it to them in order.....

¹⁷ If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God’s way?” ¹⁸ When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, “Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life.”



HCC APPLICATION

Unity in Diversity
Expanding Our Local Reach

BREAK

10 MINUTES

ACTS 13-14

ACTS 15:1-18:17

ACTS 18:18-21:15

OBSERVATIONS

Acts 13-14

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Acts 15:1-18:17

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Acts 18:18-21:15

KEY CONCLUSION

While presenting Global Church principles, the Bible directs the primary application of those principles to the specific context of the Local Church.



HCC APPLICATION

Responsibility
Local Church Ministry

Q4W2 WEEKLY PLAN

Relationships	Daily Rhythm with God MC Life Proactive Coaching
Memory	Acts 2:42-43
Reading	The Measure Of A Healthy Church, Chapters 2-3
Homework	Next Steps Project