



Welcome to Troy Methodist Church!

New to TMC?

We invite you on a journey with Jesus...

Connect to God and our faith community.

Grow into a wholehearted follower of Jesus.

Serve with your God-given gifts and passions.

Share God's love regionally and globally.

Worship God in everything you say and do.

Stop by the Welcome Center after service to pick up a gift!



Point your phone camera at the QR code to connect!

Upcoming Events

11/19- Share Thanksgiving Meal Delivery Day

11/22- Thanksgiving Service with Potluck Lunch

11/28- Joy Seekers



Message Notes

November 19, 2023

Acts Part 3: The Power of God

Barrier Crossing: Peter and Cornelius

Acts 9:32-11:18

Barrier Crossing in Acts 10:

- Cornelius a Gentile who worshiped the God of Israel, but likely wasn't circumcised nor practiced dietary restrictions
- Peter's vision
- No foods make you "unclean"
- Same as Jesus' teaching in Mark 7:17-23
- Peter entered the house of a Gentile - against cleanliness laws because of dietary laws
- The Holy Spirit came upon Gentiles who repented and believed --> Jesus makes us "clean" so the Holy Spirit can dwell in us!

God has always about this kind of barrier crossing!

- Genesis 12:1-3 - Abraham blessed to be a blessing to the nations
- Exodus 19:3-6 - Israel delivered from Egypt to be treasured among the nations
- 1 Kings 8 - Vision for the nations to worship at God's temple
- Psalm 67 - God's salvation known among the nations

How did God's people forget God's barrier crossing mission?

Summary - they became like the nations rather than blessing the nations, God judged them leading them into exile, so when they returned, they isolated themselves from the nations and became rigid and legalistic with God's law.

Sadly, we draw lines and isolate ourselves from others too, but God wants to change our hearts!

1. Father, search my heart and know me. Reveal the lines I've created that keep certain people at arm's length.
2. Jesus, forgive me for being reluctant to cross barriers to share my life and your love with certain people.
3. Spirit, change my heart. Even this week give me opportunities to cross lines that I've drawn in order to share your grace and love with others.