

The Book of Acts: Holy Spirit Adventures

Passage: Acts 10:1-48

The Book of Acts - A call to see the Spirit move again and again in every generation

Introduction

Pastor Jon said, "Peter had been the loudest, the most committed, the most powerful, and oh, how he had crashed and burned in the most public ways. Peter was the one who really got who Jesus was first... This man, with all his good and bad, is the one that God chose to help the world." Can you relate to Peter's ups and downs? Does it encourage you to see how God can use imperfect people?

Enjoy the Table Talk video with Pastor Jon here.

Unpacking the Sermon

1. Acts 10:14 "Surely not, Lord!" Peter replied."

Pastor Jon talked about God doing a new thing and the struggle it is for us as believers to see what he is trying to do. Think of other biblical examples of this and discuss the key dynamic change God is trying to teach us. (Hint it's all about dependence on God)

2. Acts 10:28 "He said to them: "You are well aware that it is against our law for a Jew to associate with a Gentile or visit him. But God has shown me that I should not call any man impure or unclean.""

Pastor Jon highlighted the similarities between the commission of Jonah and Cornelius. What then can we expect from God as fully devoted followers? Discuss areas in Durham, or Ontario, or Canada, or the rest of the world that would be tough places to go and evangelize too.

3. Acts 10:34 Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism"

God does not show favoritism. Romans 3:23 says We all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. What new mindset or perspective of humanity does God want us to have? How will this perspective help spread the gospel?

4. Acts 10:44 "While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message."

The Holy Spirit fell on the Gentiles. God was showing that his gift is for all who believe. Discuss the role and importance of the Holy Spirit in our walk as

Christians. Do we underestimate what God can do? Read Luke 10:16,17 in the context of Luke 10:1-9,16-20

APPLICATION

Throughout the Bible, it is clearly shown that God calls his people to go to uncomfortable places or situations to spread the word. This week, can you put yourself in an uncomfortable situation and share the Gospel with someone that is a non-believer? Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to lead you. Listen and obey his voice.

Prayer:

Thank you Jesus that you sent Peter to an outsider so outsiders like us could be saved. Please work powerfully today so all sorts of people can find you. Forgive us for the times our comforts and opinions have held us back from reaching out to strangers. Please give extraordinary spiritual direction to individuals across Sanctus about who how and when to reach out to others. Amen

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