

# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FROM FEBRUARY 5/6 SERMON

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**ICEBREAKER:** You have your own late-night talk show; who do you invite as your first guest—besides Jesus, of course? (Courtesy of Mike Hershey)

1. **Read Acts 2:46-47, 6:7, and 9:31.** What does Luke emphasize in these first three “progress reports” for the church?
2. Why is Acts 10 the hinge chapter in the book of Acts? What is the significant event recorded? How does this demonstrate the significance of the church?
3. **Read Acts 10:43.** What are the essential components of the Gospel described in this verse?
4. **Read Psalm 103:10-12; Isaiah 38:17, 43:25, 44:22; and Micah 7:18-19.** How do these verses describe God’s forgiveness?

## BIBLE REFERENCES

### **Acts 2:46- 47 ESV**

<sup>46</sup> And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

### **Acts 6:7 ESV**

<sup>7</sup> And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

### **Acts 9:31 ESV**

<sup>31</sup> So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace and was being built up. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it multiplied.

### **Acts 10:43 ESV**

<sup>43</sup> To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

### **Psalms 103:10-12 ESV**

<sup>10</sup> He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

<sup>11</sup> For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

<sup>12</sup> as far as the east is from the west,  
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

### **Isaiah 38:17 ESV**

Behold, it was for my welfare  
that I had great bitterness;

but in love you have delivered my life  
from the pit of destruction,  
for you have cast all my sins  
behind your back.

**Isaiah 43:25 ESV**

"I, I am he  
who blots out your transgressions for my own sake,  
and I will not remember your sins.

**Isaiah 44:22 ESV**

<sup>22</sup> I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud  
and your sins like mist;  
return to me, for I have redeemed you.

**Micah 7:18-19 ESV**

**God's Steadfast Love and Compassion**

<sup>18</sup> Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity  
and passing over transgression  
for the remnant of his inheritance?

He does not retain his anger forever,  
because he delights in steadfast love.

<sup>19</sup> He will again have compassion on us;  
he will tread our iniquities underfoot.

You will cast all our<sup>Ⓜ</sup> sins  
into the depths of the sea.

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