

July 16, 2017- The Gospel Goes to the Gentiles

Open in Prayer

Welcome/Introductions

[If there are new people in your group, give brief introductions.]

Remind the group of DiscipleGroup Guidelines

DISCIPLEMAKER QUESTIONS

- What has changed in your life because of what you learned last week?
- Has God placed someone in your life outside this group that you need to invest in?
- How do you think God wants you to do this?

Ask a “hook question” to get the group going.

- Talk about a time where you had to interact with someone, or a group of people, who were different than you. What was your experience?

Share background for the story.

Last week we saw how God prepared Peter for a change by giving him a vision. This week we will see how that vision led to the Gospel going to the Gentiles.

Tell the story – Acts 10:23b-48 This week’s story is about Peter and Cornelius from Acts 10.

[Tell the story with your Bible open on your lap to the passage.]

Rebuild the story

[Group members tell the story together, one piece at a time, based on what they remember.]

Read the story out loud – Read Acts 10:23b-48 from the Bible.

[The scripture may have more details. Were there any important details left out of the telling or retelling that you discover in the scripture?]

Discuss these questions:

1. What do you learn about God, Jesus or the Holy Spirit in this story?
2. What do you learn about the characters in the story?
3. What stood out to you in this story?
4. What do you learn about yourself?
5. How will this story be used in your life and with others?

Ask someone to retell the story.

Assign next week’s passage. Acts 11:19-26. The Church in Antioch. *NOTE: This is another short story that would be good to assign to a newer member of the group.*

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[This page is to help you sharpen your skills as a DiscipleGroup Leader. Each week we will include concepts, challenges, and resources designed to assist you as you lead and shepherd your group and grow as a disciple yourself. Also, we have added comments (enclosed in brackets []) on the Leader Guide.]

Abiding

[grow as a disciple yourself]

- Are there “Gentiles” in your life? Are there people groups in our community that you haven’t considered when you think about sharing your faith? “Gentiles” could be people of other faiths, other cultures or languages or even people of very different social classes from your own. Do you know someone who leads a different lifestyle than you that needs to hear the Gospel? Pray about your willingness to be a friend and witness to people who are different than you are.

Leading

[learn to facilitate your group more effectively]

- REMEMBER to help your group stay with the guidelines. Are they using “I” statements or talking about others all the time. However, YOU are the facilitator so be sensitive to the needs of the group. There might be a time when someone genuinely needs the group to stop and pray for them or offer support.

Shepherding

[know the sheep, feed the sheep, lead the sheep, protect the sheep]

- As you get to know the sheep better, be aware of anyone who might feel like they are “different” or have come from a different background than most your DiscipleGroup. It is amazing to see how the Father brings together people from diverse backgrounds. Encourage your group to be in prayer for different people groups in our area.

Resources:

- <https://ioshuaproject.net/countries/US> is a wonderful website with information on people groups in the United States and the status of their belief in Christianity. Be aware that often people will call themselves “Christian” but not have a saving knowledge of Christ. Use the website to learn more about people you have met in our area.