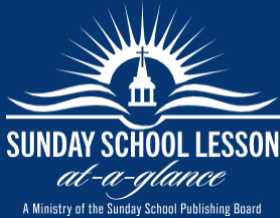


LESSON 13—November 28, 2021

Fall Quarter 2021 Theme:
Celebrating God
Unit III. Visions of Praise

Lesson Titles:
No Difference
(Faith Pathway Bible Studies)
Good News for All
(Townsend Press Sunday School
Commentary)

Devotional Reading: Acts 15:6-8

Background Scripture: Acts 10:34-47

Print Passage: Acts 10:34-47

Key Verse(s):

Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: but in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.

(Acts 10:34-35, KJV)

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Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right." (Acts 10:34-35, NIV)

► Questions to Consider:

1. What impact did the power of the Holy Spirit and divine intervention have on changing Peter's mind about a group of people?
2. What was Peter's message to Cornelius, his family, and his household?
3. What does the statement "God is not a respecter of persons" mean in the lesson?

► Lesson Context:

- Peter's missionary travels led him to a place called Joppa.
- Cornelius has a vision, and, in the vision, he is told to send to Joppa for a man named Peter, who is living with a tanner named Simon (see Acts 10:3-5).
- While Cornelius is receiving his vision from God, Peter is also hearing from the Lord.
- Peter would have a vision that would change forever how he thought about Gentiles and God's redemptive plan for the world.
- God used Peter to bring the Gospel message to the Gentiles.

► Lesson Aims:

As a result of experiencing this lesson, you should be able to do these things:

- Explore the gift of the Holy Spirit in your lives.
- Value the leadership of Peter in the early church and his relationship with Christ.
- Spread the good news that Christ is for all who want to know Him.

► Lesson Outlines/Key Points:

I. The Gospel for All (Acts 10:34-40)

Key Point 1: God accepts all people.

Key Point 2: By divine intervention, Peter was prompted to change his mind concerning the Gentiles.

II. The Gospel to All (Acts 10:41-47)

Key Point 1: We must present the gospel to everyone.

Key Point 2: The resurrection of Jesus from the dead is the central tenet of the Christian faith

► **Lesson Summary:**

- The followers of Christ must present the Gospel to everyone.
- God has called us to share the Good News with those outside of our comfort zone. This is the Great Commission of Christ.
- God shows no difference between one race and another.
- God sent His Son because he loves the whole world.
- God was making it clear, that the gospel – the Good News of Jesus Christ is for everyone.

What Do You Think? (These questions are found in this week's Faith Pathway student book.)

1. Reflect on a time when you prejudged someone, only to realize later that you had judged the person wrongly. What lesson did you learn? Share.

2. Can you think of some creative ways to share the Gospel in your community?

As a result of this lesson, I will do the following:

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