

# Salvation for All (Acts 10 & 11 NIV)

## SERMON NOTES AND DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### I. Introduction

#### a. The cross

### II. Resistance (Acts 10:16-23)

#### a. Peter's vision

#### b. Peter's response

### III. Cornelius (Acts 10:1-8)

#### a. Caesarea

#### b. Prayer

### IV. The Meeting (Acts 10:24-48)

#### a. Prejudices

#### b. Table fellowship (Communion)

### V. Conclusion (Acts 11:1-18)

#### a. Dimes of rejoicing

## Discussion Questions

### Sharing Life Together:

1. In your own words, what does God's love mean to you?
2. What do you think of when you hear the word "scandalous?" Is this an appropriate description for God's love? Why or why not?

### For Reflection:

1. Peter struggles with the vision God gives him. But he's already staying with a tanner, who dealt with dead animals. To a Jew, the job of a tanner was repugnant. By staying with the tanner, Peter was already stretching himself. Where do you feel God is already stretching you?
2. Why do you think Peter had such a hard time taking the next step that the vision was calling for? What gets in the way of you taking your next steps in obedience to God? Why do you think it can be so hard?
3. Share with your group about some of the old methods that saw a lot of success in reaching people with the gospel. Rejoice in how God used those methods.
  - a. How might God be building off of those methods with new ones to reach more people?
  - b. In what ways might our new culture (exceedingly post-Christian) provide us with new methods?
4. What habits of prayer do you need to establish?
5. In what ways do you think you (and we as the church) limit God?
6. What prejudices does God want to break you of?
  - a. Elitism?
  - b. Classism?
  - c. Racism?
  - d. Gender bias?
  - e. Etc.
7. If tomorrow West Side looked completely different, completely unconventional, how would you feel about that?
  - a. Peter went from resisting to processing to listening to accepting to leading and finally to defending. If you were to fall somewhere in Peter's process. where would that be?