

LIFE GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

Acts Series

These questions are for the **March 29, 2020** sermon, "The Quantum Leap, Part 2." Please read the sermon passage (Acts 10:23b-48) together out loud.

Sermon Outline

IN FLUID TIMES SUCH AS THESE, IT IS IMPORTANT TO BE . . .

1. Following the will of God to all settings (23b-33)
 - a. Life is a series of adjustments and transitions under God's sovereignty.
 - i. While life is constantly changing, God never changes. Never.
 - ii. Keep God's priorities first. Let God's plans come before your plans.
 - b. Peter must understand that, contrary to the old "temple system," God now declares that every kind of meat is acceptable because Jesus has instituted the New Covenant.
2. Explaining the work of God among all peoples (34-43)
 - a. All nations are welcomed the same! By faith in God's Messiah, Jesus!
 - b. There is no preferred or excluded person anywhere, anytime. All are welcome!
 - i. Jews and Greeks are one in in Jesus.
 - ii. Whether from the US or Russia or North Korea. All in God's image!
3. Discerning the ways of God in all circumstances (44-48)
 - a. A gospel presentation is interrupted as the Holy Spirit falls on even the gentiles!
 - b. Walls are torn down by the arrival and resurrection of Jesus and work of his people.

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: The arrival of Jesus now requires that the "old guard" let go of religious traditions which were now meaningless. It was not morally wrong to prohibit certain foods, but it could not be a universal principle. The old guard had to stop judging people based upon their traditions. Are there "old traditions" in our church which are meaningless for salvation, create needless barriers or make some people feel spiritually prideful? How can we effectively put them away for the sake of unity, outreach and growth in Jesus Christ?
2. Based on #1, above: When everything seems to fluctuate, we said that it is important to focus in upon God's priorities, because he does not change, and his priorities do not change. What are God's priorities for you and your life mission? Are you focused on his priorities for you? In what ways does focusing on his priorities bring you peace, stability and comfort?
3. Based on #2, above: The gospel about God's faithful reign over all the earth is for people of every tribe and tongue and nation. How is God dealing with racial or ethnic apathy and prejudice in your life? Is there any remnant of racism in you? Do you take this sin as seriously as "Thou shalt not kill?" Respond to this: "There is only one race. The human race."
4. Based on #3, above: Inviting people of all ethnicities to worship God through Jesus is the responsibility of every believer. In our City, we do not TARGET the gospel to or WITHHOLD the gospel from any race or ethnicity. How can you improve at this? How can we improve as a church body? Would you pray for these things?