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Student Spiritual Growth Guide

“RESET”: Part 10 “Acts 10”

BIG IDEA

“God designed us to live an UNCOMMON and EXTRAORDINARY life.”

God wants to reconcile us to himself and each other so that we can find other who need to be reconciled to Him.

SCRIPTURE OVERVIEW

Primary Text: Acts 10

Further Study: Matthew 6, 2 Corinthians 5:19, Acts 7:26, Colossians 1:20

COMMUNITY GROUP OR PERSONAL GROWTH QUESTION GUIDE

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (Can engage with your family and friends)

1. God told Peter to kill and eat the animals from his vision, but Peter saw this as breaking the Jewish law to eat something unclean. Can you think of a time you were asked to do something that went against everything you had been taught?
2. Talk about a law or rule that you have been asked to follow that went against what scripture says. How did you handle that situation?
3. In Acts 10:33 Cornelius waited in expectation for what God said He would do. Have you ever waited on God?

GOING DEEPER (Sermon Questions)

1. At this time, Peter would have considered the people of Ceasarea, the Gentiles, not real Jews, commoners. How do we see this same kind of division of ‘Us vs Them’ play out in society today? **Possible Answers:** The world tells us who we are based on what they see, the superficial things, and tells us we are common. God says we are UNCOMMON and EXTRAORDINARY because we are HIS.
2. The word reconcile means to exchange. In what ways does salvation reconcile us to God? What is exchanged? **Possible Answers:** When we give our lives to the Lordship of Jesus, we are exchanging our sin, shame and old lives with a new life filled with grace, mercy and redemption.
3. God calls us to reconcile ourselves to Him, and others so that we can be ready to tell others about who and what God is. What are some steps to reconciling with others? **Possible Answers:** God calls us to be Bridge Builders. To ask the Holy Spirit how to reach across lines of division, hate, and untruth to build relationships with others. God calls us to be Advocates. To love indiscriminately and teach others to do the same.

APPLICATION/TAKE AWAY

Take a few minutes layout a prayer time or quiet time that helps you to ask God to do the following in your life:

1. God help me to see if I am passively allowing division, hate, and untruth to happen in me or around me.
2. God help me to see people and opportunities each day to be a bridge builder. I want to help bridge the gap and pour Your truth into the people and situations I encounter daily.
3. God show me how to step forward as an advocate for others. To stand firm in Your truth and love. To tell others that You created them for UNCOMMON and EXTRAORDINARY lives.