SERMON OUTLINE

Overcoming Prejudice to Think like God

Acts 10:1 - 11:18

- I. <u>Everyone's Welcome</u>: Convincing Peter to accept Gentiles (Acts 10:1-33).
 - A. God sent an angel to Cornelius (10:1-8).
 - B. God gave Peter a vision and a voice (10:9-16).
 - C. The Holy Spirit spoke to Peter (10:17-23b).
 - D. Cornelius asks to hear the gospel (10:23b-33).
- II. Lord of All: Convincing Gentiles to accept the gospel (Acts 10:34-48).
 - A. Peter admitted he now realized God is impartial (10:34-35; Romans 2:11).
 - Who do I struggle to accept? Why? Does it affect my desire to serve or reach them?
 - B. Peter told the Gentiles Jesus died for all who believe in Him (10:36-43).
 - C. The Gentiles believed in Christ, received the Holy Spirit and were baptized (10:44-48).
- III. Giving up our Prejudices: Convincing critical Christians to accept Gentiles (Acts 11:1-18).
 - A. Some Jewish believers criticized Peter for accepting and eating with Gentiles (11:1-3).
 - B. Peter explained how God revealed He has no partiality and that Gentiles believed (11:4-17).
 - C. The believers concluded that God saves Gentiles by grace just like Jews (11:18).
 - How does God view those I struggle to love? Do I see my own pride and prejudice? Am I growing in the same grace God has?

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