

Small Group Questions from May 12, 2019

Read Text: Acts 10:1-48

1. Discuss your overall reaction to the message from Sunday. Did anything “stick with you” throughout this past week?
2. How does the gospel unite people and break down prejudices? What are examples of “unlikely converts” that encourage you?
3. Bob pointed out that the gospel does not flatten out all racial distinctions, but unites all races together. What is the difference? In what ways might flattening out racial distinctions minimize the impact of the gospel? In what ways can we learn to appreciate the diversity within unity of the church?
4. Bob pointed out that racial, social, socio-economic, etc. unity is not the gospel, but it is an implication of the gospel. In what ways might we overemphasize this unity? In what ways might we wrongly minimize this unity? How can we promote a healthy appreciation for diversity in our church?

Small Group Questions from May 5, 2019

Read Text: Acts 9.19-43

1. Discuss your overall reaction to the message from Sunday. Did anything “stick with you” throughout this past week?
2. Paul viewed following Jesus as a way of life. What things compete with Jesus for our “way of life”? What does it look like to make following Jesus the consuming focus of our lives?
3. Johnny posed a series of questions about our need for validation. Why do we care so much about when celebrities of various types profess to be Christians? Why do we want our government to validate our faith? In what ways do these things impact our Christian lives? In what ways should they and shouldn't they matter to us?
4. Johnny stated that a “devotion to the Lord Jesus Christ will lead us to help people in need.” Why should love for Jesus drive this care for others? It's easy to do random nice things for others, but in what ways might care for others be part of a “way of life” for Christians? How can we detach caring for others from our love for Jesus? Why would that be wrong?
5. Who has God placed in your life at present that you need to be caring for? How will you care for them this week?