

Enjoy Acts: Faith in Action
Session 5 – Ends of the Earth: Gentile Inclusion (Chapter 10-11)

Two Visions (Acts 10:1-33)

- Peter and a God-fearing Gentile officer named Cornelius are brought together after each received a vision from God
- Cornelius was told to send for Peter
- Peter was repeatedly shown that nothing God creates is unclean – neither food nor people
- The Holy Spirit sent Peter to Cornelius
- Cornelius, his family, servants, and friends gathered to hear what Peter has to say

Gentiles Hear & Respond to the Gospel (Acts 10:34 – 11:18)

- Peter preaches the Gospel and this mix of Jews and Gentiles believes
- The Holy Spirit visibly comes upon everyone listening – proving that Gentiles are fully included in God’s Kingdom through faith in Jesus (without converting to Judaism)
- Some in the established church criticized Peter for eating with these non-Jews
- After hearing what God did, they accepted Gentiles in the church

The Church at Antioch (Acts 11:19-30)

- The broader mission to reach Gentiles with the Gospel begins in the city of Antioch
- Here large numbers of Gentiles came to faith and began worshiping with Jewish believers
- This was the first cosmopolitan, multi-ethnic, multi-national church
- After Barnabas reviewed the church, he preached, and recruited Saul to help him lead the rapidly growing church
- Ultimately their time there prepared them for future missionary work

Next Week: Ends of the Earth: Paul's Mission in Asia – Acts 13-15