

STUDY GUIDE

Acts 10:34-48

“Salvation for Everyone Who Believes”

- 1) What is prejudice? What kinds of prejudice do we see in our world? Share your experience with prejudice.
- 2) The Jews felt justified in being prejudiced against non-Jews/Gentiles because God had chosen to the Jews to be God’s people. Why was that wrong? In what ways do we justify our prejudices?
- 3) Salvation is not based on what we do, yet God calls us to do good things (James 1:22-25). What is the relationship between doing good things and salvation? What does that look like in your life?
- 4) God works out His salvation differently with different people. He saves some dramatically right out of the cesspool of sin and others by planting the longing for God in their hearts. Share your experience.
- 5) Everyone who believes in Jesus Christ will receive God’s salvation when the gospel is centered on the person and work of Jesus Christ. How did Peter describe the person and work of Jesus?
- 6) Salvation results in obvious evidence in those who receive it. For Cornelius’ household and friends, it was the anointing of the Holy Spirit. What other evidences do we see in those who come to faith in Jesus?
- 7) In Acts 10 we learned whomever God accepts, we must accept. What that means is that when we do not accept those whom God has accepted; we are opposing God. In what ways can we respond to this?
- 8) Discuss the meaning and implications (personally and for the church) of the following quote:

“The ultimate test of whether or not our salvation is real, is in how we live together as the body of Christ. Born-again followers of Jesus Christ should not give any evidence of prejudice in any form. But the truth is, because we all still have residual sin in our fallen nature, we all still have some prejudices. We usually try to dodge the issue by redefining our prejudices by calling them preferences or differences. That dodge disappears when we know that Jesus would redefine the phrase “whomever God accepts, we must accept” to be “whomever God loves, we must love.” Jesus calls us to love God and love our families and love our neighbors and love one another and love the lost and love our enemies. Sounds like we are to love everybody. Yes, we are.”