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Bible Study

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How God Changes Prejudice People

Acts 10:24-29

John 1:45, 46 read, “*Philip found Nathanael and told him, “We have found the man that Moses wrote about in the law, and the prophets also wrote about him. He is Jesus, the son of Joseph, from Nazareth.”* 46) But Nathanael said to Philip, “*Can anything good come from Nazareth?” Philip answered, “Come and see.*” (NCV) These verses record a time when the Master was the victim of a stereotypical remark made by someone of his own race. Throughout the Bible there are many passages that show people being guilty of racist words and works. In the 21st Century there are still many Christians who treat others in a discriminatory way. This lesson is designed to share how God changes people who are prejudice.

Breakdown of Acts Chapter 10

1. The Message	to Cornelius and Peter	Verses 1-23
2. The Meeting	between Cornelius and Peter	Verses 24-33
3. The Meaning	for Cornelius and Peter	Verses 34-48

- God changes people who are prejudice through **Revelation** .
Verses 9-12
“*The next day as Cornelius’s messengers were nearing the town, Peter went up on the flat roof to pray. It was about noon, 10) and he was hungry. But while a meal was being prepared, he fell into a trance. 11) He saw the sky open, and something like a large sheet was let down by its four corners. 12) In the sheet were all sorts of animals, reptiles, and birds.*” (NLT)
- God changes people who are prejudice through **Clarification** .
Verses 13-15
“*Then a voice said to him, “Get up, Peter; kill and eat them.” 14) “No, Lord,” Peter declared. “I have never eaten anything that our Jewish laws have declared impure and unclean.” 15) But the voice spoke again: “Do not call something unclean if God has made it clean.”*” (NLT)

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3. God changes people who are prejudice through Association .

Verses 17-20

"Peter was very perplexed. What could the vision mean? Just then the men sent by Cornelius found Simon's house. Standing outside the gate, 18) they asked if a man named Simon Peter was staying there. 19) Meanwhile, as Peter was puzzling over the vision, the Holy Spirit said to him, "Three men have come looking for you. 20) Get up, go downstairs, and go with them without hesitation. Don't worry, for I have sent them." (NLT)

4. God changes people who are prejudice through Communication .

Verses 24-29

"They arrived in Caesarea the following day. Cornelius was waiting for them and had called together his relatives and close friends. 25) As Peter entered his home, Cornelius fell at his feet and worshiped him. 26) But Peter pulled him up and said, "Stand up! I'm a human being just like you!" 27) So they talked together and went inside, where many others were assembled. 28) Peter told them, "You know it is against our laws for a Jewish man to enter a Gentile home like this or to associate with you. But God has shown me that I should no longer think of anyone as impure or unclean. 29) So I came without objection as soon as I was sent for. Now tell me why you sent for me." (NLT)

5. God changes people who are prejudice through Manifestation .

Verses 44-48

"Even as Peter was saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the message. 45) The Jewish believers who came with Peter were amazed that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles, too. 46) For they heard them speaking in other tongues and praising God. Then Peter asked, 47) "Can anyone object to their being baptized, now that they have received the Holy Spirit just as we did?" 48) So he gave orders for them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterward Cornelius asked him to stay with them for several days." (NLT)

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