

Weekly Study Guide

The week of September 25, 2016

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Daily Readings

MONDAY

Acts 1:1-11

TUESDAY

Acts 1:12-26

WEDNESDAY

Acts 2:1-13

THURSDAY

Acts 2:14-37

FRIDAY

Acts 2:38-41

SATURDAY

Acts 2:42-47

Regular habits of private Bible reading strengthen our relationship with God and teach us how to follow Jesus. In addition to the thematic exercise above, you can use this guide each week to lead you through relevant sections of the Bible.

Group Discussion

CONNECT

Other than church, what groups or communities would you say you are a part of? Fans of sports team? Your neighborhood? A trade union? A hobby or recreational club?

LEARN AND APPLY

This week is the third installment of learning from the story of Peter and Cornelius. If you've missed any past weeks you might want to review Acts 10:1-23. For today, read **Acts 10:23-33**.

- Peter and Cornelius get all the attention, but they don't actually do much alone. How are their communities involved?
- Why do you think they kept acting in groups?
- Peter and Cornelius themselves are significant mostly because of the groups they represent. Peter was Jewish and a follower of Jesus. Cornelius was a Gentile and seeking for God. What did God show Peter? (See v. 28 for a hint.)

In today's message we learned about the Bible passages that teach us how to live in Christ with "one another." The original Biblical word for this is *allēlōn* (not alone!). This is a chance for you to read some of these verses with your group and consider how you can live more "*allēlōn*, not alone."

- Start by reading 1 Peter 4:9. What's an example of how you show hospitality to one another in your group? Is there a way you'd like to grow in this? Or extend your hospitality also to others?
- Read Ephesians 4:12 and Colossians 3:13. Do you ever have to "bear with one another" or forgive each other? Are there other environments in your life where you are challenged to bear with others, and could your group somehow support you in this?
- Read James 5:16. Have you ever told your group, "I screwed up this week. Here's what happened"? Is there safe space for this in your group? Would you like to try? How would you pray for each other in this situation?
- Read John 13:14. Washing one another's feet could be taken literally, but it probably means even more in humble acts of service. Do you have examples of how you have served one another? Are there needs in your group that you could help meet for one another? Don't be afraid to be honest.
- Read Romans 16:16. Ok, we're mostly joking. Culture has changed and you probably shouldn't do this. But can you think of any parallel actions that we might choose?

PRAY AND APPLY

Our readings today taught us to pray for one another. Please share your prayer needs and pray for each other.

We have also learned this week about connecting more people in Growth Groups. Sometimes an existing group may have a person or a couple who are prepared and called to branch out and invite/welcome people into a new group. In your prayers, ask God if perhaps someone in your group might be called to this. The answer might be, "No," and that's fine. But it might also be "Yes." Contact Linsey Petersen in the church office at x206 or lpetersen@flcwb.org if you have any questions.