

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

Grace · Community · Mission

Acts

Unity

Warm-Up Questions:

• How have you experienced disunity or walls of division amongst Christians?

READ: Acts 10:1-11:18

I. The <u>Absence</u> of Unity

- Read Genesis 12:1-3, Exodus 19:4-6, Deuteronomy 4:5-8, 1 Kings 8:41-43.
 - What was the nation of Israel's calling?
 - Who is the "true Israel" who fulfills this calling (cf. Isaiah 49:6)?
 - How does this set the stage for Acts 10?
- Read Acts 10:15 and 10:28. What was the point of Peter's vision, according to these verses.

II. The <u>Source</u> of Unity

- Read Ephesians 2:13-16. What is the source of our unity?
- What are some things we look to as the source of unity, besides the gospel?
- How might the reality of our common cleansing (cf. 1 John 1:7) lead to unity with other believers?

III. The <u>Maintenance</u> of Unity

- Read Ephesians 4:1-6. What group of people do you most feel disconnected or disunified with? What is a concrete thing you can do this week to "maintain the unity of the Spirit" with them this week?
- What are some ways you can foster humility in yourself as you seek unity with other believers?

Action Points:

Read and pray through Ephesians 2:11-22 as a group.

- Give thanks that we who were once far off have been brought near
- Pray for unity in our church, in our denomination, and in the church universal
- Pray by name for other churches in Citrus County
- Pray that our unity would be rooted in Christ crucified, not on cultural or ideological similarities