

Before Small Group read Acts 10-11:1-18 & 15:6-11

Fellowship time 7:00-7:30

Open in Prayer

Praise through song

Scripture Reading Together: Acts 11:1-18

Opening remarks...

1. Life-altering events & inventions change the course of history. How did Peter 'entering' a non-Jewish man's house forever alter Jesus' Church? (Acts 11:12)

2. There is a temptation to see God as having changed from the Old to New Testament. Why is this not true and how is God's Holiness and Grace displayed in making obsolete circumcision & dietary restrictions? What other Scriptures make this plain?

3. It is easy to compare ourselves to others in order to 'feel' holy or righteous... why is this wrong? Think about the difference between having Jesus' status as our own [Justification] *versus* being made holy over a lifetime as the Spirit helps us put sins to death in our lives [Sanctification].

4. If circumcision/food was a barrier that prevented Christians from 'entering' places where the Spirit was at work and the early church insisted was necessary for Salvation... What barriers do we put up today? (Personally & Corporately)

8:20pm Prayer (**close group session**) and get into breakout time (**guys and gals separate**)

Wrap up 8:50ish