

One Step to God

Acts 10:9-23

Grading things

We are _____ grading or ranking things
Triage: Definitely _____, _____, Definitely _____
What are our ranking criteria for...
How does this happen in the _____?

Culture Setting: Ranking of people by the Jews

Ranking pattern by first century Jewish people

Definitely good:
Religious/_____ Jews
Okay/maybe:
Non-Jews who fully _____ Judaism
Definitely bad:
Non-Jews who followed false _____ and _____
Jews who went against God's _____
Anyone who sided with _____

The big idea of the book of Leviticus

Nothing _____ must ever approach God
Leviticus 15:31; 11:46-47

Acts 10:1-11:18

Cornelius a _____: Angel, "Send for _____"
Simon Peter a _____: Angel, "Go to _____"
Peter _____, Holy Spirit _____ on Cornelius & household
A dramatic _____ of Christian church!

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9-16: God's vision for Peter: God has made all foods _____

Peter was _____ and praying
"God frequently reveals himself not only in but also by means of our human situations"
Luke emphasizes the _____ of the two sides of this story
Peter _____ the command of God. A test??
Jesus had taught this, but it was hard to _____ Matthew 15:10-11
God makes Peter _____ over this!

17-20: The Spirit's direct command: _____ the 3 men

Peter is still _____ while the men arrive
The 3 men are _____ over how to proceed
Spirit doesn't _____. He just _____

Obedience goes _____ all Peter has ever known
This presents the '_____': What will Peter do?

21-23: Peter _____: welcomes the Gentiles & goes with them

Peter _____ for their story and _____
They describe Cornelius & _____ to him
Peter _____

The Big Idea:

Making the Church into the Church of many _____
is God's _____ and God's _____
that He _____ and continues to _____
through a devout _____ and a reluctant _____
through _____ and _____ Christians
who both followed _____ and who keep _____
the _____ and _____ of God

1 Timothy 2:4-6; 2 Corinthians 5:16-17

People are just _____ step from God: to _____ to Jesus Christ
We create _____ that require more _____ to climb...

Application:

Do not call anything _____ that God has made _____
"Regard no one from a _____ point of view"

We _____ have explicit and implicit criteria for _____ people
The problem is "_____ points of view"
Especially when it has the appearance of _____

In the church

_____ everyone: there are people we aren't inclined to _____
_____ everyone: there are people we don't fully _____
_____ everyone: there are people we hesitate to let _____ or shape us

Steps to take

Grow in _____ of my 'worldly point of view'
Intentionally _____ this brokenness
Build _____ bridges, listen, learn
_____ barriers and hesitations

Help each other: identify _____ spots, build bridges, ...

"Regard everyone through Christ's view in the _____"

Reflection Questions

- How have you seen this brokenness in the church?
- Where are you tempted to see people from a worldly point of view?
- Where can you build a "humble bridge" today or this week?