

Valley Bible Church - Sermon Study Questions

Study Aid for the Sermon from December 8, 2013 The Message By Peter To The Gentiles Acts 10:34-43

Observing the text

Compare and contrast Peter's message to the Gentiles with Peter's message to the Jews (cf. Acts 2:14-36; 3:11-26). What are the similarities and differences between Acts 10:34-43 and his messages to the Jews?

What are the reasons why Peter would begin his address with the issue of God not showing partiality?

How can Acts 10:35 be understood in light of the truth that salvation is by grace through faith, and not by our good works (e.g. Ephesians 2:8-9)?

In what ways is Jesus described by Peter?

What parts of Peter's message do you think would be most compelling to these Gentiles?

What is significant about the conclusion to this message?

Applying the sermon

How do you feel about the truth that everyone who believes in Jesus Christ receives forgiveness of sins? Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

What evidence do you have that shows that your believe in Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins is genuine and you are not deluding yourself?

In what ways are you tempted to fall short of God's moral will by showing partiality to people?

How confident would you feel in communicating the essential truth of Jesus Christ if you were in Peter's situation? What can help you in developing your ability?

How can Peter's approach to ministering the gospel to the Gentiles help guide you in your

conversations?

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