

empowered

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EXPANSION | Acts 10

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S U M M A R Y

This past weekend we continued our series called “Empowered”. We looked at the story of Cornelius and Peter and how Jesus expanded the church to receive the Gentiles, and how expansion can be difficult.

R E A D

Acts 10

Pause. Take time to prayerfully consider what has been read.

D I S C U S S

Matt described the idea of putting up fences to keep from breaking the law. Eventually these fences become new laws to not break.

- 1) What are some unwritten rules that you live by?
- 2) What are some fences that you have put up to keep from breaking those rules?

In the story Jesus gives both Cornelius and Peter visions to prepare them for what He's up to.

- 3) Put yourself in Cornelius' shoes, what might he have been feeling?
- 4) Put yourself in Peter's shoes, what might he have been feeling?

Jesus tells Peter to break the law — to go against Scripture — by eating unclean foods.

- 5) What feelings or reactions do you have to this?
- 6) What changed to lead to this instruction?

Read Acts 11:1-3 and Galatians 2:11-14.

- 7) How difficult would this shift have been for Peter and the church?
- 8) How do you see the kindness of Jesus throughout this story?

R E S P O N D

Peter demonstrates what a life submitted to Jesus looks like, willing to allow Him to have first say in everything. Ask the Spirit where you need to submit your own fences, preferences, or understandings to Jesus.

*Share how the Spirit is inviting you to respond today and the week to come – to **be with** Jesus, to **become like** Jesus, or to **do what** Jesus does.*

P R A Y

Take some time to wait and pray together. What is Jesus praying for? Come into agreement with His prayers.

Pray that you would be filled with trust in Jesus, nimble to the prompting of the Spirit, and rooted in the love of the Father.

