

These questions are designed to extend the impact of the weekend message. Use them to go deeper in your personal study time, with your family, and/or with a group.

This series from Acts 9-15 tells the story of Jesus' first disciples learning that the gospel is for all. It cannot be limited by race, by tradition, or even by persecution. It calls the church in every generation to embrace the unlimited mission of God.

- 1 There is a divine component to every conversion story. When it comes to finding His lost children, God's passion and perseverance and resourcefulness are UNLIMITED. He will not even be limited by the limited vision of His disciples. How have you experienced this truth in your own walk with God?
- **2** VISION IMPARTED: Cornelius needed Peter. Read Acts 10:1-6. Everything Cornelius did for the need of others did not erase his greatest need—a witness to the hope of salvation. What did Rick mean by the statement, "Faith does not come by watching"? Why is it necessary for God to arrange encounters between seekers and speakers?
- 3 VISION IMPAIRED: Peter *needed Cornelius*. Read Acts 10:7-22. Cornelius wasn't the only one God was transforming in this narrative. He was changing Peter as well. Give an example of a time when God changed you while He was also using you.
- Read Acts 10:34-35. Peter had to realize that God does not play favorites. But the temptation to treat people like God does play favorites is still very real. What are some of the ways that Christians might communicate that God actually does play favorites? To put it another way, how do we sometimes stand in the way of God's work to bring all people together?

- **5** VISION IMPROVED: "Lord, help me see... that everyone needs Jesus. Even good people. Especially good people. How can we get better at viewing people with respect to their relationship with Christ?
- (a) VISION IMPROVED: "Lord, help me see... where You are at work. God is actively at work bringing disciples into contact with people who need Jesus. He loves to shape us and bless us through people who are not like us (we need to get comfortable with being uncomfortable). Give an example of a time when He did that in your life. What is one thing you need to do to better see where God is at work around you?
- VISION IMPROVED: "Lord, help me see... what biases are still on my sheet. We all deal with racial residue. Our biases can be hard to recognize and even harder to admit. Ask God to reveal what is still "on your sheet" by reflecting on and discussing these questions in your group What is impeding your love for the lost? What do you still need to realize about the gospel? Who is the Cornelius in your life?

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