

SALVATION FOR OUTSIDERS

Acts 10.1-48 // March 26, 2023

BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS

Cornelius was a high-ranking Centurion who somehow had come to believe in the God of the Jews. Peter goes to his home as an act of faith and trust in the Lord, because it was quite against his conviction to go and associate with someone like this. But God was working in Peter, and he is starting to understand that his own convictions and preferences must bow down to God's commands.

There is a common belief that God has "two people," and therefore, "two covenants," one with the Jews and one with the Gentiles. But God's Word makes clear that there is only *one* body that God has called people into.

Romans 4.9-12 // Ephesians 2.11-22 // Romans 3.29, 10.11-13

NO OUTSIDERS

And while the Jews had not seen this (even in their own Old Testament), Jesus even gave hints of this.

Matthew 8.5-13 // Luke 18.9-14

**Your reputation is different than your character.
We want them to match up,
but sometimes it isn't bad that they don't.**

Jesus' character suffered when He spent time with "outsiders" and those who were considered "unclean." But having our reputation maligned is not *always* a bad thing. Our praise should always be from God, not man.

**We are to be a fellowship of patient people
practicing a love that covers a multitude of sins.**

-R.C. Sproul

WILLING TO OBEY

But are we willing to be as Peter was, putting aside our preferences and even sacrificing our held convictions when God may be calling us to do so? Are we willing to set aside our judgements and put on love? Or do we only want to speak the truth *without* love?

**Let's thank God that Jesus Himself chose to set aside His preferences,
enduring patiently with us for our sake.**

Colossians 3.11-17



NOTES:

Announcements:

Prayer and Worship Night: We will be having a night of worship and praying together on **Wednesday, March 29th** at **7pm**.

This Week's Call to Worship Psalm:

Psalm 63: 1-8

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

John 6:37

All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at tyler@lifemission.tv**.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Open the evening by reading the **Call to Worship Psalm** and reciting the **Memory Verse** together. Then pray the Psalm and the Memory Verse to open up discussion.

Read **Acts 10.28-35**. What stands out in this passage and from the sermon on Sunday?

Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

It is easy for us to forget that most of us in America are Gentiles. How does even this fact shape how we see "others" who are not like us as Christians?

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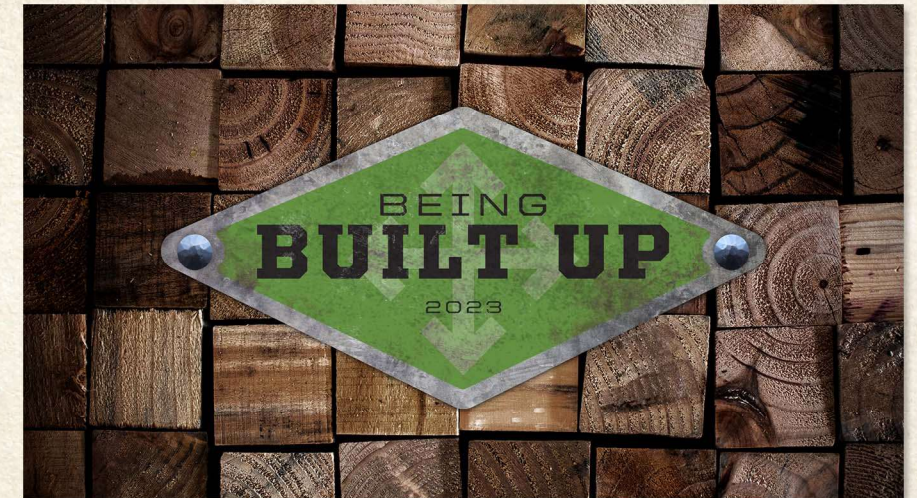
We are more like Cornelius than we are Peter. Peter was a Jew, and Cornelius had no right to become an adopted son of God. But Cornelius was shown mercy. However, though we are more like Cornelius, we can easily become like Peter, acting as if we are special and look down upon outsiders, even though we were once outsiders! Who in your life have you had an aloof or condescending attitude toward that you may be seeing or talking to soon, and how do you need prayer?

End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the **P.R.A.Y.** model with your group. Pray for these people you have mentioned and for your heart and plan as you pursue them in love.

- **Preaching the Gospel to Yourself** (Matthew 6.9, 10)
 - Always begin your time of prayer focusing on God's goodness, who He is, and what He has done for us. Pray truths from this week's text.
- **Repent and Confess** (Matthew 6.12)
 - Confess any particular sin that prevents you from walking out what God calls us to in the text, or any other particular sin you are wanting to fight. Ask Him to help you have strength to repent and run towards Him.
- **Ask for Provision** (Matthew 6.11-13)
 - Ask God for new perspective and for the things that you need. Once our hearts are fixed on Him, we can ask Him to help us with our needs. When your heart is begin filled with the Gospel first, your asking will be far more in line with God's desires and will. Ask Him to work in the relationships in your life that you are hoping to share God's love with.
- **Yield with Thanksgiving** (Matthew 6.10)
 - End your prayer by giving God thanks for His faithfulness and ask Him to help you trust and yield to His work and ways.



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WHO ARE SAVED, EQUIPPED, AND SENT BY THE GOSPEL.



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