

The Church on Mission: "Christ is All for All"
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Missional: Living daily for the mission of Christ to see people love God, love others and become disciple-makers.

Church: Consists of everyone, everywhere, who has a faith relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

Spirit-led: Living daily relying on the Holy Spirit as we learn from Scripture how to leave our old life behind and walk in our new life in Christ.

Romans 3:22-23, Romans 3:29, Romans 10:12-13

Galatians 2:11-14 - "But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. For before certain men came from James, he was eating with the Gentiles; but when they came he drew back and separated himself, fearing the circumcision party and the rest of the Jews acted hypocritically along with him, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy. But when I saw that their conduct was not in step with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas before them all, "If you, though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you force the Gentiles to live like Jews?"

Peter's Preparation:

1. Grew up with God's Truth
2. Discipled by a mature man (Jesus)
3. Walked continually in community
4. Benefited from God's providence
5. Prepared for ministry by failures and brokenness
6. Filled with the Spirit
7. Time and maturity

I. God Prepares Hearts and Situations. (Acts 10:1-8)

Psalm 51:17 – "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise."

1. Pay attention to what people's hearts are seeking.
2. Share the good news of Jesus.
3. Invite them into community. (Church, C-Group)

II. God has no favorites. (Acts 10:9-33)

Genesis 1:27 – “So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.”

Proverbs 24:23 – “These also are sayings of the wise. Partiality in judging is not good.

Deuteronomy 10:17 – “For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe.”

Romans 2:11 – “For God shows no partiality”

Romans 10:15-21

III. We welcome all in Christ. (Acts 10:34-48)

“The Gospel is open to all; the most respectable sinner has no more claim on it than the worst.” (Martin Lloyd-Jones)

1 Corinthians 1:27-29 – “But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God.”

1. We welcome all.

James 2:1, 9 - “My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory...But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors.”

2. Welcome all with kindness.

- Smile
- Speak to them
- Say their name
- Serve and help them
- Show them how to connect and go deeper

3. Welcome all with truth.

- Creation
- Fall
- Rescue
- Restoration

4. Welcome all with celebration.

Galatians 3:27 – “For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.”

Faith Sheet

Monthly Memory Verse: Acts 10:43 – “To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Weekly Memory Verse: Acts 10:43 – “To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Weekly Reading Plan: Acts 10, Psalm 126, Deuteronomy 3-4

The Church on Mission: "Christ is All for All" Going Deeper This Week

1. What boundaries or differences have you seen that separates Christians from one another? How has that hindered the unchurched from hearing the gospel?
2. What are some ways you see those who do not follow Christ seeking a “spiritual” encounter? How can we tap into this with the Gospel message of Jesus Christ?
3. How does knowing that God is sovereign over all encourage you? In what ways does it challenge you?
4. What traditions or preferences might we need to reject or hold loosely to reach others with the Gospel message?
5. Review the five aspects of welcoming others with kindness. How are you doing? Do you welcome others on Sunday or tend to go mostly toward familiar friends? Why is being welcoming so important in getting the Gospel out to others? (Genesis 12:1-3, Leviticus 19:33-34, Matthew 10:40, Mark 9:37, Luke 14:7-14, Romans 14:1, 15:7, 1 Peter 4:8-9 and James 5:1-9)