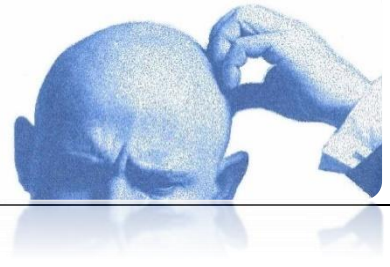


**United with Outsiders**

## **Small Group Questions**

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*The following questions are intended to start conversations.*

*Use only the ones your group finds helpful. Explore others as they come up.*

Read Acts 10: 34-48. If you are unfamiliar with the context of the story, go back and read the whole chapter.

- Have you ever had the experience of being excluded? Take some time to think about this and if you are in a group, have some people tell their stories.
- Who do you find it hard to include or who do you find yourself "othering"? What about them makes it hard for you to include them? What does exclusion look like?
- How do you think God feels about the person/group you have trouble including? Why? Take time discussing this, especially any Scripture you might use to back yourself up.
- How do you feel about Jesus' tendency to include the outsiders? How do you think you would have felt if you had lived at the same time as he did?
- Have you ever had a "vision" or message from God that has changed the way you think about some issue or person? If you are comfortable, share your story.
- Are you open to the voice of the Spirit should you be invited to think or act differently about someone or some group? What would your response be if God asked you to change your mind?

Spend some time praying together. Pray for God's eyes to see and God's heart to care. Pray that the fruit of God's Spirit would be evident to those you come in contact with in your week.