

## Emmanuel Prayer List - November 2021

### Kids Ministry

- Thankful for leaders who have stepped into this role.
- Bless all who have volunteered to help in the Sunday School.
- More volunteers are needed so that more classes can be offered.
- Thankful for Dan and His teams who are leading Fusion and Surge.
- We pray that the tweens and teens will come back and grow in their spiritual walk with Jesus.
- The church is hoping/planning to start Awana again in January. Please pray for leaders and for the children

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### Study Continued (from inside pages)

5. Read Romans 8:28-29. These verses explain that God works the circumstances of our lives for our good and His purpose. From verse 29, what is the 'good' that God wants to accomplish within us?

How does this relate to what was happening in Peter's life?

6. Peter went to the home of Cornelius. Read verse 28. Obedience to the Word of God is essential in the life of a Christian, not matter how hard it is. What do you think was going through Peter's mind as he walked into Cornelius' house?

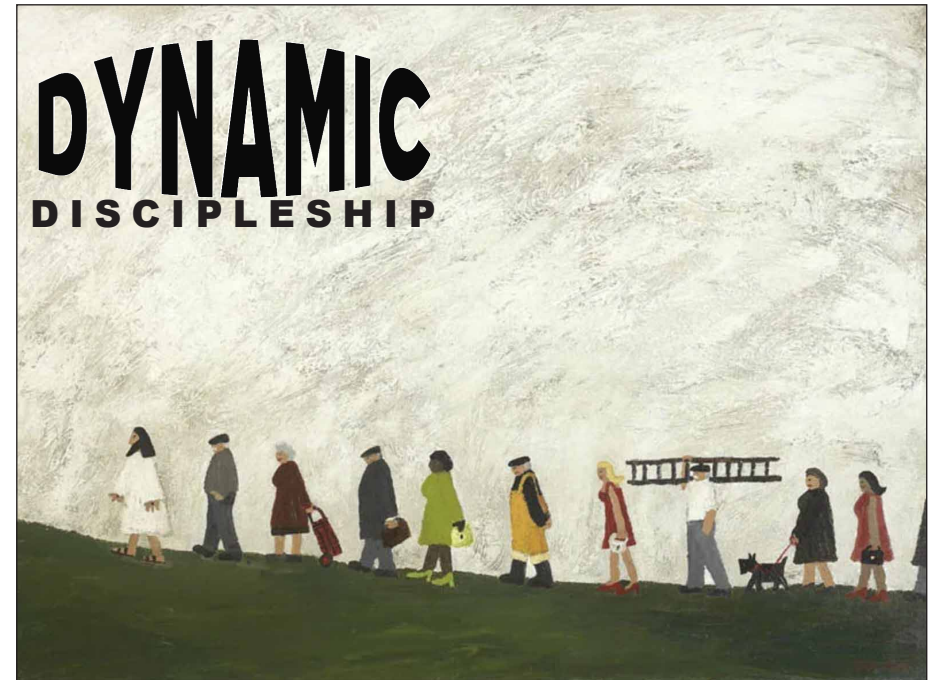
Have you ever read something in the Bible that you struggled to be obedient to? Some examples would be: love your enemies (Matt 5:44); Forgive as the Lord forgave you (Col 3:13); Don't let unwholesome talk come out of your mouth (Eph 4:29), there are many others.

How do you be obedient when it's hard to be obedient?

7. Read verse 30-35. After Cornelius explained what had happened, Peter was able to piece it all together. Cornelius still needed to accept Jesus as his Saviour, so Peter explained the good news to him and the others present. Read verse 44-48. This must have been a shocking moment for Peter and the other Jewish believers with him. It was a 'light bulb' moment. It was a life changing event that would redirect Peter's life for the rest of his life. Have you had a time in your life where all of a sudden the light went on, and it changed the direction of your life, or changed your attitude towards someone etc?

8. Read 2 Corinthians 5:16-21. We are ambassadors of Christ, having been given a ministry of reconciliation. What does this mean?

If we are going to be good ambassadors, how important is it that, 'we regard no one from a worldly point of view'? Why?



## A SERIES ON BECOMING DYNAMIC FOLLOWERS OF JESUS

Based on the life of one of His followers: Simon Peter

1. From fisherman to a fisher of men Luke 5:1-11
2. Living by Faith not by Fear Matthew 14:22-33
3. Dealing With Doubt John 6:60-71
4. What happens when you fall Luke 22:31-34; 54-62
5. Restored & Commissioned John 21:15-17
6. Strength in the face of opposition Acts 4:1-13
7. **Breaking Down Barriers Acts 10**
8. Living in freedom and peace Acts 12:1-19

## Dynamic Discipleship - breaking down barriers • Acts 10

If we are going to be true followers of Jesus Christ, we need to see people

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2 Cor 5:16

### BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS

Cornelius (Acts 10:1-2):

Jewish attitude towards Gentiles:

Galatians 3:28

The purpose of the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37):

What is prejudice:

How did God see Cornelius: (v.3-6)

### GOD'S APPOINTMENTS

Simon the tanner:

God dealing with Peter (Acts 10:9-23):

God's appointments (Rom 8:28-29):

What Peter came to understand (Acts 10:28 & 10:34):

### RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation =

2 Cor 5:18-20

God has reconciled \_\_\_\_\_ to Himself through Christ

God has given us a \_\_\_\_\_ of reconciliation.

We are \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ (2 Cor 5:20)

1. Read Acts 10:1-6. Cornelius was a 'good' man. He had many tremendous character qualities. How did God see him?
2. A common prayer of the Rabbi's was, "Blessed art thou, O God, for not making me a Gentile, a slave, or a woman." Now read Luke 18:9-14, Galatians 3:28 & 2 Cor 5:16).  
What do these verses say about how God views people and how he wants us to see others?
2. How do you think the Jews at that time regarded Cornelius, despite his good character qualities?  
  
God was working on the prejudices in Peter's life. Peter was staying with Simon the tanner, a man who had become a Christian. Tanners, were generally regarded as living lives that were ritually unclean, because of their work (Lev 11:39-40). However, God was still working on Peter's prejudices towards Gentiles (see Acts 10:28, and by the way, it was only oral law, and tradition, that forbade Jews from going into the house of a Gentile). How much do you think people's bad attitudes towards others inhibits the work of the Gospel?  
So, what importance do you think God places on breaking down these barriers that we have built up? How does he do it in our lives?
3. Read Luke 10:25-37. What do you think was the motive behind the religious leader that asked Jesus the question? (See verse 29)  
Because the inhabitants of Samaria had intermarried with foreigners and adopted their idolatrous religions, Samaritans were generally considered "half-breeds", and were universally despised by the Jews. To the degree that if Jews were travelling north, rather than walk on Samaritan soil, they would cross the Jordan, go up the east side of the river and then cross back, greatly increasing their journey.  
Based on this, how hard do you think it was for the 'expert in the law' to give his answer (verse 37).  
What was Jesus purpose in telling this parable?
4. Read Acts 10:9-23. Examine the struggle going on in Peter's mind following his vision and the appearance of the men from Cornelius. This is an amazing example of how God works out situations in the lives of people for His purposes. Especially as it took place on the roof of Simon the Tanner's house. Have you had situations like that in your own life, where God has 'orchestrated' events to deal with something in your life? (We usually only realise it after the event).  
  
How hard is it to determine if it is God directing you? (Note: Simon could have thought to himself, that he was only having those thoughts because he was hungry!)

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