

ACTS ODYSSEY: Discussion Questions

Week 3: Caesarea

Small group rules to keep in mind:

In your sharing time be as open and transparent as you comfortably feel you can. There is no need to challenge, correct, or give advice unless asked for. Be careful to not in “over share”. Be sensitive to give everyone an opportunity to join in.

For each week, start off your discussions with the first two questions. After that choose any of the other questions which you feel best suits your particular group.

1. What insight spoke to you most in the video study today?
2. Open your book. Take turns sharing one major insight you received from any one of the first seven chapters. Take time for other members to turn to each passage being highlighted.
3. Acts 10:34-42 contains the essential Christian message that has remained unchanged for 2000 years. The truly revolutionary part of this message is that God shows no favoritism: He treats all people equally, and invites all to come to Him through faith in Christ.

How do you struggle with living this out? Have you ever felt separated because of racial or cultural differences?
4. Take an honest inventory. What prejudices are you holding on to? Maybe you are prejudiced towards people who are a different race than you, or people who are more conservative than you, or more liberal than you, or poor, or rich? The list of ways we judge people is way too long! How can you move toward Peter’s “aha moment” where he says, “I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism”?

Prayer for the journey: *“Heavenly father, thank you that I am chosen by you and especially that you came for outsiders like me. In response I ask You to give me confidence and enable me to tell others about you with boldness. Help me to see Your divine appointments each day. Open my eyes to the mission you have in store for me now. And finally Lord, please use all the accomplishments, my hurts, and my mistakes for good. In Jesus name I pray. Amen!”*