

## Series: Kingdom Color: Peter's Sensitivity Training Pastor Marcus Atkinson June 11, 2017

## Life Group Discussion Questions:

- 1. Thinking back on this week's sermon, was there a particular point or passage that challenged you, confused you or caught your attention?
- 2. Read Acts 10:9-43.
- 3. Marcus stated that "every person's story has roots." What roots do you have in regards to diversity? Who were the people that impacted those roots and what did they say and do that impacted you? What situations has God brought your group members through so they could be part of Grace Church moving toward deeper diversity?
- 4. Marcus stated that we are all prone to discrimination. In what ways is that true for you? What are you doing to deal with those situations in your life.?
- 5. Peter was able to meet a good and godly man named Cornelius because he listened to God. Is there anyone in your life that you might not have had the privilege to know if you hadn't followed God and moved out of your comfort zone?
- 6. During the sermon we read from 2 Corinthians 5:20 and learned that we are Ambassadors of Christ. An Ambassador is sent to a foreign land (or group). The ambassador's role is to reflect the official position of the sovereign body that gave him authority. Where might God be sending you or maybe even your entire group? Take time as a group to pray about this and ask Him to reveal where your group might need to go as an Ambassadors.
- 7. Peter learned through his experience with Cornelius that God is exalted when we accept those who are different than us. What were some of the great outcomes that came to Peter, Cornelius, those in the room and the church that caused God to be praised? What might have been the consequences if Peter had said no to this invitation?
- 8. Marcus reminded us that we have to make racial reconciliation the focus of our life's ministry. How can your Life Group help each other fulfill this mission?

**Prayer:** Have group members follow the "ACTS" prayer method in relation to the struggle we all have with sin.

- ADORATION: acknowledge and praise God for providing salvation to all people
- **CONFESSION:** openly confess any way that you have been avoiding people God made
- THANKSGIVING: thank God for our call to be his Ambassador to all people
- **SUPPLICATION:** ask God to reveal how your group can move toward diversity

**Memory Verse**: Acts 10:34-35 Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right.