



Sermon Questions

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1. Luke takes up valuable space on the papyrus to write about Cornelius's visit with the angel and Peter's vision of the sheet. He tells it three times. What do we learn that is different from each of the accounts? What does this say about the importance of sharing our interactions with God more than once? When you have shared about an encounter with God, or a time when you saw God at work, did your story change depending on your audience? If so why?
2. Peter was accused of fraternizing with the Gentiles. How much do you fraternize with non-Christians? What are the positives about such relations? Are there cautions which we need to be aware of?
3. Barnabus knew that the right person for the job was Saul. So he went to get him. Up to this point, we have seen Barnabus encourage Saul in the area of leadership. Who do you know that needs to be encouraged and mentored to use their gifts of leadership, music, encouragement, etc? Barnabus went out of his way to do so, how can this encourage us to respond to the Spirit's leading? (Saul, later named Paul, turned out to be quite the find...just saying)
4. In Antioch, the disciples were named Christians because they were Christ like, or Christ followers. How has the name "Christian" changed over the years? What is the image which most people have of "Christian" today? When you tell people you are a Christian, what image do you portray?
5. A disciple is a person who intentionally submits to the teachings of a leader to learn from them. In the time of Christ that was a 24/7 commitment. What does being a disciple of Christ look like today? Are there shifts in our lives which need to be made so that being a Christian (Christ follower/disciple) becomes a 24/7 commitment? What would that look like in your life? How much is doing something vs being someone?