

Standing in God's Way (Acts 11:1-18)

“So if God gave them the same gift as he gave us, who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could oppose God?”
Acts 11:17 (NIV)

REVIEW FROM LAST WEEK:

The Holy Spirit loves to come and take the TRUTH about Jesus and turn it into an EXPERIENCE of Jesus!

APPLICATION FOR THIS WEEK:

God is calling this church to purposefully and proactively reach _____ - _____, _____ people with the gospel.

Typical sources on which we rely for church growth:

1. _____
2. _____

LESSON 1: _____ is hard!

The apostles and the brothers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him and said, “You went into the house of uncircumcised men and ate with them.” Acts 11:1-2 (NIV)

Erik Erikson: All change is perceived as _____.

LESSON 2: In order to discern and understand the plan of God, I have to get on the _____!

I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. Acts 11:5 (NIV)

Peter went up on the roof to pray. Acts 10:9 (NIV)

Mark Twain: “It ain’t the parts of the Bible that I can’t understand that bother me, it’s the parts I _____.”

G.K. Chesterton: “Christianity has not been tried and found wanting; it has been found _____ and not _____.”

TRUTH: If you want to know what God is up to, you have to create some _____ so that He can _____ to you!

LESSON 3: I must _____ with non-believers.

At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a Centurion in what was known as the Italian Regiment. One day at about three in the afternoon he had a vision. He distinctly saw an angel of God, who came to him and said, “Cornelius!” Cornelius stared at him in fear. “What is it, Lord?” he asked. The angel answered, “Send men to Joppa to bring back a man called Peter. He is staying with Simon the tanner, whose house is by the sea.” Acts 10:1, 3-6 (NIV)

QUESTION: Who is that person, who is different from me, that I need to share Jesus with?