



Small Group/ Reflection Notes

08-10-2023		Catch it! Kill it! Eat it!	
 Start	<input type="checkbox"/> What's the worst thing you've ever eaten? <input type="checkbox"/> What could you never imagine eating?		
 Discuss	<input type="checkbox"/> Why is inclusion so necessary? Why is it so challenging? Why is it so rewarding? <input type="checkbox"/> Why do we often think we already are inclusive? <input type="checkbox"/> How does our upbringing/ culture/ church experience(s) affect our approach to inclusion and "others"? <input type="checkbox"/> Is God more inclusive than His followers?		
 Read	<u>Acts 10:1-16</u>	 Listen again	ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Watch
 Explore	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>v.1-2</u> : What made Cornelius an 'outsider'? When have you felt an 'outsider'? How was Cornelius spiritual, if not 'one of us'? What does that say about others we know today? <input type="checkbox"/> <u>v.3-4</u> : Why was Cornelius accepted by God, though not the church? <input type="checkbox"/> <u>v.5-6</u> : Why was it radical for Peter to be staying with a tanner? <input type="checkbox"/> <u>v.7-8</u> : How do we explain this reference to slavery? How do we explain the Bible's attitude to slavery? To be consistent, should our approach to the Bible be similar with LGBTQ+ inclusion? <input type="checkbox"/> <u>v.9-10</u> : What are you like when you're hungry? How was Peter's vision influenced by his circumstances? To what extent does God speak through our circumstances/ feelings? Got an example? <input type="checkbox"/> <u>v.11-14</u> : What did Peter see? What did God say? Why was this so shocking to Peter? How did his culture/ upbringing/ inherited teaching explain his reaction? Why was it not just bad taste, it was sinful? Going against Scripture? Read <u>Leviticus 20:24-26</u> & <u>Leviticus 11</u> . What does this say to us today? <input type="checkbox"/> <u>v.15-16</u> : What did God say? Why did Peter need to hear this multiple times? Why are we just the same? Why is there always more to inclusion? How in Acts 10 was theology (including Peter's) being shaped by experience? What does that mean for us and our understanding of God & His ways?		
 Go further	<input type="checkbox"/> Read <u>Leviticus 11</u> & <u>Leviticus 20:24-26</u> . How relevant are the Levitical food laws today? Should we be following them? If we take this approach with the food laws, should we be doing the same with other Levitical laws? If we don't, what does that say about us? <input type="checkbox"/> Read <u>Mark 7:1-23</u> Jesus declared all foods clean (v.19). Why should we read the whole of Scripture, including Leviticus, through the revelation of Christ? This is called a Christocentric hermeneutic (a great Scrabble score!)		

 Reflect	<input type="checkbox"/> Which one verse stands out to you? Why do you think it grabs your attention? <input type="checkbox"/> Which verse(s) will you need to think more about? Why? <input type="checkbox"/> Why do we always think we already are inclusive? <input type="checkbox"/> How are you being stretched to inclusion <i>and beyond</i> ?
 Do	<input type="checkbox"/> Keep a
 Pray	Dear God, I thank you that _____. Show me more of Your _____. Teach me to be more _____.
 My questions:	

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