



Small Group/ Reflection Notes

	15-10-2023	Now I KNOW!
 Start	<input type="checkbox"/> What's the best and worst thing you've eaten/ drunk in recent times?	
 Discuss	<input type="checkbox"/> What food/drink item did you dislike as a child, but now love? <input type="checkbox"/> How have your food tastes changed over the years? <input type="checkbox"/> How have your understandings/beliefs/Christian faith changed over the years?	
 Read	Acts 10:24-48	 Listen again ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Watch
 Explore	<input type="checkbox"/> v.28 : What is 'guilt by association'? To what extent did Jesus abide by this in His dealings with people? When/how does 'God's Law' become ' <u>our</u> law'? What is 'group think'? How can our upbringing/ inherited culture/ church experience(s) create 'group think'? <i>We think.. we believe...</i> <input type="checkbox"/> v.29-30 : What did Peter do? What have you learnt about curiosity/ asking questions? What did Cornelius do? Why are stories of people's 'lived experiences' so necessary? (Especially when they are different to our own experiences.) <input type="checkbox"/> v.34 : What was the impact on Peter? Why <u>now</u> ? What does this show about Peter's character/ attitude? Have you ever wrestled with/ changed your mind on a belief/ understanding? Peter realised 'this' (foods) was really about 'that' (people). Why was this so radical? <input type="checkbox"/> v.35 : Are there limits to those God's 'accepts'? Was Peter suggesting a return to living by the Law (Leviticus 11 food laws)? Where does our 'right' (righteousness) come from? Why does Peter bring it back to Jesus (v.36-43)? <input type="checkbox"/> v.36 : Why is Jesus ' <u>good</u> news' (and not just for the religious 'usual suspects')? <input type="checkbox"/> v.44-46 : What was God demonstrating? <input type="checkbox"/> v.47-48 : Why do some churches withhold baptism, membership, Communion from those they "other"? What was Peter's attitude?	
 Go further	<input type="checkbox"/> How does the Bible itself trace the gradual revelation of God, from Creation, Fall, Israel, Law, kings, prophets, Jesus, Church... New Heaven & Earth? Why did it not all come at once? Though the Bible is <i>complete</i> , why is our <i>understanding</i> of it not? What does church history show us? <input type="checkbox"/> Acts 10 does <i>not</i> mention LGBTQ+ inclusion. Does it provide an example/ model for the Church today in responding to inclusion? How?	
 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"/> How have your understandings/beliefs changed over time? What do you understand <u>now</u> that you previously missed/ didn't see? How <i>open</i> are you to the possibility there is yet more you still have to grasp?	

 Do	<input type="checkbox"/> Listen to people's 'lived experiences'. <input type="checkbox"/> Watch LGBTQ+ Baptists & allies tell their stories https://www.facebook.com/AffirmingBaptistsTogether
 Pray	Dear God, I thank you that _____. Show me more of Your _____. Teach me to be more _____.
 My questions:	

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