

Life Group Questions
May 20

Get-To-Know-Me Question:

- What food will not you not touch? The food you just don't like!

Into-the-Bible Questions:

Skim through **Matthew 5:17-20**

- In verse 17 Jesus says "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill." What is the difference between abolish and fulfill? How did Jesus fulfill the law?
- Open up your bible and notice when Jesus goes through the Sermon on the Mount he says, "You have heard..." or some version of that phrase, appears repeatedly (v. 21, 27,31, 33,38,43). What is Jesus's intent behind this phrase? What is he trying to accomplish?
- What might it have felt like if you were a Jew and heard this Sermon on the Mount?

Let's Go Deeper:

Read through Acts 10

1. In verse 14 Peter argues with God saying that he will not eat because he has never broken that rule. In your faith journey what is a rule that you followed because you thought that it leads to a 'clean' life but you now realize was never actually 'unclean'?
2. As we saw in verse 14 Peter argued with God about whether or not he was willing to eat but then in verse 28 he is now willing to enter the house of a Gentile...which was not done! When was a time you felt like God was calling you to something, but you argued with God about it? Did you follow through? If not, are you still able to?
3. Joppa was a Jewish city and Caesarea was a city that was overtly Roman. Devout Jews would not have gone there. Joppa would have been a comfortable place for Peter. We are often quick to set up boundaries of where we feel comfortable. Where might God be calling you out of one of your comfort zones?
4. Cornelius is an interesting character in the story. He is not yet a Christian but he sends his servants to find Peter because of a vision. God is already at work in Cornelius's life, but God still sends Peter and has Peter share the Gospel with him. Who might be a Cornelius in your life? Someone that does not believe but has been open to conversation or has even asked questions about your faith?
5. One of the primary focuses of the story is people that did not eat together before now share a meal. Who is someone in your life that you could share a meal with that you have not eaten with before? It could be a co-worker, another church member, or a neighbor. **Challenge: In the next month share a meal with that person.**