



Running from Nineveh

Week 5: Return to Joppa

CCV Groups Discussion Guide

OPENING QUESTION:

Share an experience when you returned to a childhood home or school or town. How did it look and feel different than you remembered it?

GROUPS VIDEO GUIDE

READ:

[Acts 10](#)

DISCUSS:

- What did it take for Peter to recognize his own prejudice?
- How can we apply the lesson of Peter's encounter with Cornelius to today's context in our interactions with people from diverse backgrounds?
- How can we identify and overcome our biases, and what intentional steps can we take to reach out to those we might consider "outsiders" in our communities?
- Read [Luke 14:13-14](#) and [James 2:1-4](#). Who needs to be invited to this group? OR Who could start another group to reach people others are not?

PRAYER:

Have a time of silent prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to reveal to you people who have been overlooked or left out. Once the Spirit prompts you with a name or a group of people, say it out loud. Have the leader close in prayer.

SCRIPTURES:

2 Peter 3:9, "The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance."

Matthew 12:38–41, “Then some of the Pharisees and teachers of the law said to him, “Teacher, we want to see a sign from you.” He answered, “A wicked and adulterous generation asks for a sign! But none will be given it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of a huge fish, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. The men of Nineveh will stand up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it; for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and now something greater than Jonah is here.”

Romans 10:12–13, “For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile- the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for, ‘Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’”

Lamentations 3:22–23, “The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.”

Galatians 2:21, “I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose.”

Luke 14:13–14, “But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.”

James 2:1–4, “My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, “You sit here in a good place,” while you say to the poor man, “You stand over there,” or, “Sit down at my feet, have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?”

Isaiah 49:6, “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”