

Included

Acts 10:9-35

What _____ us as the people of God?

1. Not our _____

- "_____ set"

2. But our _____

- "_____ set"

For Further Reflection and Discussion

Opener: What do you like most about the fall season?

How did God speak to you or work in you at church this Sunday?

Read (or have a few people take turns reading) Acts 10:9-35.
How is Peter thinking differently at the end of these verses than he was at the beginning?

How does God bring about this change in Peter's thinking?

In vv. 34-35, what is it that makes people "acceptable" or "welcome"?

If we define ourselves as the people of God according to rules, categories and other "fences," what will we prioritize and celebrate?

- What are potential drawbacks to this?
- What (if anything) does this approach get right about how we relate to God?

If we define ourselves as the people of God according to what we are focused on, what will we prioritize and celebrate?

- What (if any) dangers do you see in this approach?
- What benefits are there to this?

How would living with a "centered set" mentality (people of God defined by focus, not fences) affect how you would view people of a different race, culture or ethnicity?

- How would it affect how you relate to someone who has blatant sin in their life?
- How would it affect how you approach your own spiritual disciplines?

How can we pray for one another?