

Sermon Discussion Guide:

The Holy Spirit is Given to the Gentiles

Sunday, August 28, 2022

Scripture: **Acts 10:44–48**

Series: **The Spirit & The Church**

OVERVIEW

God is no respecter of persons. He gives his Spirit to all who believe without distinction. When the Spirit fell on the Gentiles they were given the same spiritual power as the Jewish believers at Pentecost. This led to a symbolic outward confession (baptism) and sweet fellowship. **God saves people who are far off by sending out gospel messengers to bring Jesus near.**

CORROBORATING TEXTS

Acts 11:15, John 14:17, John 7:37-39, John 16:13

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. In his sermon, Travell said, “Jesus is in the business of smashing fences.” Are there any groups of people that we tend to try to keep out of the church? Do you find it difficult to fellowship with those who are different from you?
2. Belief in Christ is the only qualification for receiving the Spirit. Does it seem or sometimes feel like there are (or should be) any other qualifications?
3. How do we know that a person is ready for baptism? How can we gauge whether or not a child’s belief is genuine?
4. Where does Christian fellowship rank in your priorities? Would it feel like a loss to be without it? Did Covid reveal your value (or lack thereof) of Christian fellowship?