

Application Suggestions and Questions, August 30, 2020
Rediscovering Church
Acts 11:1-18

Further consider the questions raised by Pastor Bob during the sermon.

- How BIG is your “view”, “vision” or “concept” of “church”?
- “How BIG is God’s “view”, “vision” or “concept” of “church”?
- Whom have you been taught to avoid?
- Whom have you been taught to distrust?
- Whom have you learned to disregard, even disdain?

Reflect on The Point of the sermon. Consider its impact on how you view yourself and how you view others.

- God’s “view”, “vision” and “concept” of “church” is BIG ENOUGH to include *you* and *every human being on planet earth!*

To act on the truths of God’s Word highlighted in the sermon:

- Pray for God to reveal areas of prejudice in your heart, mind, and life. Respond with repentance and obedience.
- Seek an opportunity to dialogue—to listen and understand—with someone with whom you have “natural” difference, but a “spiritual” oneness.
- Memorize one of the following Scriptures that highlight the reality of God’s BIG vision of His Church.
 - So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. Galatians 3:26-28
 - I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought. 1 Corinthians 1:10
 - Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace”—Ephesians 4:3
 - “My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. John 17:20-21