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THE HOLY SPIRIT SERIES

BOOK OF ACTS EDITION

SERMON: The Spirit for All Peoples
SPEAKER: Pastor Andrew
CORE SCRIPTURE: Acts 10:1–48

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SUMMARY

In this sermon, Pastor Andrew explores the pivotal moment when the Gospel broke through ethnic and cultural barriers—the "Gentile Pentecost." Through the divinely orchestrated encounter between Peter and Cornelius, we see how the Holy Spirit prepares hearts, shatters prejudices, and expands God's mission beyond our comfort zones. Prayer emerges as the "atmosphere of revelation" where God communicates His heart and transforms our perspectives. Peter's journey from resistance to obedience reminds us that God's guidance unfolds progressively as we take steps of faith. This passage challenges Cornerstone to live out its vision as an intentional intercultural community, building bridges across differences and joining God in our diverse neighbourhoods.

SHARE

Think about a time when you had to step outside your comfort zone—whether moving to a new place, meeting someone very different from you, or changing a long-held belief or practice. What was that experience like, and what did you learn from it?

READ

Read **Acts 10:1–48** together out loud as a group.

DISCUSS

Feel free to pick/choose what is most helpful for you. Remember, the goal is to have rich, relational, authentic, Jesus-centered discussions.

1. What stood out to you the most about the sermon?

2. In Acts 10:9-16, Peter receives a vision three times before he begins to understand God's message. What does the repetition of the vision reveal about God's character and His patience with us? What does Peter's initial response ("No, Lord") tell us about the tension between obedience and tradition?

3. Look closely at Acts 10:34-35: *"I see very clearly that God shows no favoritism. In every nation*

he accepts those who fear him and do what is right." How does this statement reshape our understanding of who is "in" and who is "out" in God's kingdom? What theological implications does this have for how we view salvation and God's grace?

4. Pastor Andrew said, "Prayer is not about changing God's mind or manipulating a 'designer-god' for our benefit… Prayer is about pressing the 'hot-sync' button of our body, soul, and spirit to synchronize our lives with God's will." How does this understanding of prayer challenge or reshape the way you currently pray? What would it look like to pray with "holy expectancy" this week?

5. Both Cornelius (a Gentile) and Peter (a Jew) needed the Holy Spirit to transform their hearts before they could meet as brothers. Where do you see barriers—whether ethnic, cultural, socioeconomic, or generational—that the Spirit might be calling you to cross? What fears or prejudices might be holding you back?

6. Pastor Andrew shared how his faith journey was defined by geographical movements that became defining moments. Reflecting on Acts 10:19-20 where the Spirit tells Peter to "go with them without hesitation," when has the Holy Spirit prompted you to take a step of faith, and how did you respond?

7. Cornerstone's vision includes being an intentional intercultural community and building bridges across difference. In light of Acts 10:44-48, where the Holy Spirit falls on the Gentiles and validates their inclusion, what practical steps can we take as a small group to reflect this kingdom mosaic in our relationships and outreach?

YOUR NEXT STEPS

- **Pray for Holy Expectancy:** This week, set aside intentional time to pray and listen for the Holy Spirit's guidance. Ask God to reveal any prejudices, fears, or comfort zones that might be limiting your participation in His mission.
- **Build a Bridge:** Identify one person in your sphere of influence who is different from you (culturally, ethnically, generationally, or socioeconomically) and intentionally reach out to build a relationship with them this week.
- **Reflect on Barriers:** Journal or discuss with a trusted friend: What are the "unclean" categories in my life—the people or groups I've pre-judged or avoided? Ask the Spirit to help you see them as God sees them.

PRAY

Take time to pray together as a group:

- **Praise God** for His inclusive love and for breaking down barriers through Jesus Christ.
- **Confess** areas where you've allowed prejudice, fear, or tradition to limit your obedience to the Spirit's leading.
- **Ask the Holy Spirit** to give your group eyes to see your neighbourhood the way God sees it and hearts that are open to His guidance.
- **Pray for Cornerstone** to grow as an intercultural community that reflects the kingdom mosaic, and for wisdom in the church's four guiding priorities.
- **Pray for one another** by name, asking God to reveal specific next steps for each person in building bridges and joining God's mission.

CONNECT TO THE BODY

Be on the lookout for opportunities at **The Hub**, where your group can **serve together** or participate in community **events** that build bridges across difference. Check in with your group leader or Cornerstone's communications for upcoming **workshops**, neighbourhood initiatives, or intercultural gatherings where you can live out the vision of this sermon.

CLOSING

Close by reading Acts 10:34-35 together one more time as a declaration of faith: *"I see very clearly that God shows no favoritism. In every nation he accepts those who fear him and do what is right."* May we go forth this week with holy expectancy, ready to follow the Spirit's leading across every barrier.