

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alpha Meal Sign-Up

Alpha is a community gathering over a meal while discussing faith and life's big questions. If you would like to provide part of a meal for Alpha (Monday evenings), scan this QR code to learn more.



Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study meets on Wednesdays from 10 am-Noon at the NewDay Office. If you would like to get involved, contact jeannine.sternke@gmail.com.

NewDay Youth Group Snacks

NewDay Middle School and High School students meet on Mondays from 6:30-8:00 pm. If you would be interested in providing snacks for our students on a once/month basis, contact melinda@newdaycov.org.

NEWDAY WEEKLY EMAIL

If you would like to receive NewDay's Weekly Email, with information about upcoming community opportunities, write your name and email here, rip it off, and leave this at the Offering Table in the back.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP GATHERING

Sing to the LORD a new song!
Sing His praise from the ends of
the earth!
Psalm 42:10

NEWDAY COVENANT CHURCH

A New Day for NewDay

A look into why we gather, from the book of Acts



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November 12, 2023
Pastor Kari Jacott
Being Included

SCRIPTURE READING

Select Verses From Acts 10:1-44

At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion in what was known as the Italian Regiment. 2 He and all his family were devout and God-fearing; he gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly. 3 One day at about three in the afternoon he had a vision. He distinctly saw an angel of God, who came to him and said, "Cornelius!"

4 Cornelius stared at him in fear. "What is it, Lord?" he asked. The angel answered, "Your prayers and gifts to the poor have come up as a memorial offering before God. 5 Now send men to Joppa to bring back a man named Simon who is called Peter. 6 He is staying with Simon the tanner, whose house is by the sea."

21 Peter went down and said to the men, "I'm the one you're looking for. Why have you come?"

22 The men replied, "We have come from Cornelius the centurion. He is a righteous and God-fearing man, who is respected by all the Jewish people. A holy angel told him to ask you to come to his house so that he could hear what you have to say." 23 Then Peter invited the men into the house to be his guests.

The next day Peter started out with them, and some of the believers from Joppa went along. 24 The following day he arrived in Caesarea. Cornelius was expecting them and had called together his relatives and close friends. 25 As Peter entered the house, Cornelius met him and fell at his feet in reverence. 26 But Peter made him get up. "Stand up," he said, "I am only a man myself."

34 Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism 35 but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. 36 You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. 37 You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— 38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

42 He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. 43 All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

44 While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message.

NOTES

SERMON REFLECTION QUESTIONS

When you think about friends in your life, who were the most unlikely people you'd ever become friends with? What conditions made it possible for the friendship to occur?

What are the most challenging barriers that usually prohibit people from being in relationship with one another?

How does the story of Cornelius and Peter encourage you?

What part of this story is difficult for you, or do you have more questions about?

When you think about the early Church, and how it grew with very different religious perspectives and cultural differences, do you see any connections to our present culture, or your own church experience?

"The ground is level at the foot of the cross." There is no platform of religious or ethnic heritage or practice that one must climb to qualify for God's saving favor. First-century Jews, even Jewish Christians, would have disagreed. Today, some nominal Christians look to bloodlines or certain religious rites to erect their platform. But the startling good news of Peter's message is that no religious or cultural conditions must be met to qualify for God's salvation blessings." IVP Commentary

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