

FAITH ALLIANCE CHURCH

FOCUS: A ONE-YEAR JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE

SESSION 2, WEEK 1 - FEBRUARY 14 - FEBRUARY 19

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THEME OF THE WEEK

EVEN THE GENTILES

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Acts 10-28 and Proverbs 11-13

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Acts 13-15 / Proverbs 11:16-31
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Acts 16-18 / Proverbs 12:1-14
- Thursday
Acts 19-21 / Proverbs 12:15-28
- Friday
Acts 22-25 / Proverbs 13:1-12
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Acts 26-28 / Proverbs 13:13-25

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Growing Our Love for God Through a Better Understanding of Scripture

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Use these for personal reflection, family devotional time, or in any other group discussion setting.

1. As you look at Chapters 10-11 in the book of Acts, what is the confirming characteristic that someone has been saved?
 - a. Does it appear people received the Holy Spirit before baptism or afterwards? Can you think of instances when the order appears to be different?
 - b. What does the Bible mean when it talks about "Gentiles?" Are you considered a Gentile? If you don't understand this term, Google search, "What is a Gentile gotquestions." Read the first paragraph that comes up at gotquestions.com (a super helpful resource for spiritual/Bible questions), it'll give you the answer.
2. Read Acts 13:1-4. What can we learn from this text about preparing to "send" people? What should be done in preparation? What was the environment was God speaking into?
 - a. Have you ever tried fasting? Would you consider this? It's often paired with prayer - what could you specifically pray about during a time of fasting?
 - b. Who is given credit for "sending the men out?"
 - c. Do you feel as if the Holy Spirit has sent you? To whom, to what, to where, for what purpose?
3. Read Acts 15:1-21. What was the orderly process that was followed when a disagreement surfaced?
 - a. What was the disagreement? What steps were taken to pursue an answer?
 - b. What was the verdict?
 - c. When you have spiritual questions or concerns, what do you do with them?

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