

Based on this week's sermon...

SCRIPTURE

Write down the scripture verse(s) that caught your attention.

OBSERVATION

What do you think God is saying to you in this scripture?

APPLICATION

Personalize what you have read, by asking yourself how it applies to your life right now.

PRAYER

Write out your prayer based on what God has said to you today.

This Week's Life Journal Readings

Monday, Apr 5

Ruth 1,2
Ps. 53,61
2 Cor. 5

Tuesday, Apr 6

Ruth 3,4
Ps. 64,65
2 Cor. 6

Wednesday, Apr 7

1 Sam. 1,2
Ps. 66
2 Cor. 7

Thursday, Apr 8

1 Sam. 3-5
Ps. 77
2 Cor. 8

Friday, Apr 9

1 Sam. 6,7
Ps. 72
2 Cor. 9

Saturday, Apr 10

1 Sam. 8-10
2 Cor. 10

Sunday, Apr 11

1 Sam. 11,12
1 Chr. 1
2 Cor. 11

THE ACTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

In the Line of Fire

SUNDAY, APR 4, 2010

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Scripture: Acts 10: 34-43

Easter challenges me... to _____ my walls
of _____.

Acts 10:34-35

We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are. {Romans 3:22 NLT-SE}

Faith in Christ Jesus is what makes each of you equal with each other, whether you are a Jew or a Greek, a slave or a free person, a man or a woman. {Galatians 3:28 CEV}

Easter challenges me... to carefully _____
the _____ and _____ of Jesus Christ.

Acts 10:36, 38-40

...Having carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I also have decided to write a careful account for you, most honorable Theophilus, so you can be certain of the truth of everything you were taught. {Luke 1:1-4 NLT-SE}

The people of Berea... were very willing to receive God's message, and every day they carefully examined the Scriptures to see if what Paul said was true. {Acts 17:11 GWORD}

Then Jesus said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and look at my hands. Take your hand, and put it into my side. Stop doubting, and believe.” {John 20:27 GWORD}

Easter challenges me... to fully _____ a
_____ with God
through Jesus Christ.

Acts 10:42-43

I want you to know, my very dear friends, that it is on account of this resurrected Jesus that the forgiveness of your sins can be promised. {Acts 13:38 MESSAGE}

We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are. For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard. Yet God, with undeserved kindness, declares that we are righteous. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins. {Romans 3:22–24 NLT-SE}

He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God... {John 1:11–12 NIV}

CLG Notes

Refer back to your notes from Sunday’s sermon as you work through the following CLG material.



Both Peter and Cornelius had spiritual, racial and personal obstacles to overcome in order to connect with each other on the life-transforming reality at hand: Jesus Christ.

What were Peter’s obstacles? What were Cornelius’ obstacles?

Ultimately whose primary responsibility is it to make the initial contact and connection: is it the believer’s or the seeker’s? If Jesus is indeed our missional model then his incarnation should be a great source of practical missional theology for us to consider and implement as people empowered by his Spirit and sent out to a lost and darkened world.

Reflect upon Jesus’ practice of associating with, going to, and connecting with people who were far from God (Luke 7:1-10; 15:1-2; 18:35-19:10). What is obvious about his approach?

Digging Deeper: What hurdles did Paul have to overcome in order to build a ‘missional bridge’ with people who were far from God? (c.f 1 Corin. 9:19-23; see espec. 1 Corin. 5:9-13)).



Peter had a great learning curve to work through so that he could have a completely open and responsive heart to God’s salvation work among non-Jews. What does the Holy Spirit need to do in our hearts to keep us from believing that we are superior to, more worthy than, or simply favored and loved more by God than those who are not Christ-followers? What does Jesus teach us about a growth ‘learning curve’ that ought to transform the way we approach people who are far from Him? See Matt. 25:31-45.



Jesus’ incarnation serves as the model by which we approach mission and evangelism with a servant’s heart rather than a heart of superiority (cf. Phil. 2:5-11).

Does true service discriminate between who is in need or not? Should service towards any group of people who are far from God ever be out of partiality or preference? Are there any groups of people or types of individuals we would be prone to not wanting to serve?

Digging Deeper: Jesus’ encounter with the woman at the well (John 4: 1-32) modeled his true servant’s heart. What specifically did Jesus do to serve this person who from a Jewish world view was both a racial and social outcast?