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HOME BASE

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WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

Peter fairly exploded with his good news: "It's God's own truth, nothing could be plainer: God plays no favorites! It makes no difference who you are or where you're from—if you want God and are ready to do as he says, the door is open. The Message he sent to the children of Israel—that through Jesus Christ everything is being put together again—well, he's doing it everywhere, among everyone. - Acts 10:34-46 (The Message)



SERMON RECAP [Listen to Sermon Online](#)

Pastor Greg opens up our four week look at Acts by investigating Peter's healing of the man who was unable to walk in Acts 3.

THIS WEEK'S READING: Acts 7-12

Continue reading the book of Acts, looking for the way the early church lived into Jesus mission of proclaiming the Kingdom of God. As you are reading this week, make a list of all the times the Holy Spirit does something.



REFLECTIONS:
Brian Frodermann
Acts 7-12

Acts 7-12 is a snowballing account of God's grace. Even after spending three years walking and talking with Jesus, the disciples still had a narrow view of who was part of the "in" crowd. But the Holy Spirit went to work shattering this view.

Surely the Messiah came to save the people of Israel so the disciples stay in Jerusalem to preach the good news... Then they are persecuted and spread through Judea and into Samaria (filled with those distant relatives the Jews liked to look down on). Ok, so Samaritans are part of the "in" group... Then the Spirit moves Philip to preach to an Ethiopian Jewish convert... Then the Spirit turns Saul into Paul and a former persecutor is now "in." Finally, the Spirit gives Peter a vision and sends him into the house of a... Gentile?!?!?

Where will God's grace end? Perhaps, it doesn't...



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SUNDAY'S SERMON

Pastor Mary Peterson: SERMON TEXT - Acts 10:17-48

As you read through Acts 7, what names are familiar in Stephen's speech? Which names are not familiar? Can you look them up to read their stories?

If you were facing a life or death situation and had to defend your faith, what would you say? What Bible stories are central to your understanding of faith?

Acts 8:1 tells us that Saul was present and approving of the homicide. How do you think Paul was impacted by the stoning of Stephen?

How do you see the Holy Spirit moving in this section of Acts? How are the actions of the Holy Spirit similar or different from the works of God and Jesus?

THE DUGOUT: A Place For Kids & Their Families

Read Chapter 6 of All of Us and check out [Shine at Home](#).

Start off in one room of your house; name it Canaan. As you read the story, travel to another room in your house- Egypt. Take turns reading the different parts of the story. Move between Canaan and Egypt as you read the story.

Wonder and talk together about the Bible story and how it connects to your experiences as a family.

- Imagine having to travel far, far away to get food. Maybe take a walk to the nearest store to buy stuff for dinner tonight.
- I wonder what the brothers were thinking when Joseph revealed who he was.
- Ask each other the My Story and God Story questions on pages 39-40.
- I wonder what we would miss about each other if we weren't able to see each other for a long time.

BUILDING UPDATE



With precision, the crane operator easily lowered two rooftop units to the ground this week. Check out the video in the Facebook Group.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please let us know of your prayer concerns below.