Murray Baptist Church – 7/8/20 – Bible Study Outline

Acts Chapter 9:32-43; 10

Key people – Peter (Simon), Aeneas (paralyzed 8 years); Dorcas ( also known as Tabitha, died, brought back to life); Simon the tanner; Cornelius (a centurion), an angel of the Lord,

Key locations – Lydda, Joppa Saron (Sharon)

Key themes –

* When God is moving, people grow as the move in response what God is doing
* God’s power continues to accompany his leaders
* Evangelism to those who are different
* God communicates in a vision/dream to Peter
* The Holy Spirit shows up in a public way

**When God is moving, people grow as the move in response what God is doing**

Growth can occur

* in terms of experience with God
* in relationships with others
* in trusting God

**God’s power continues to accompany his leaders**

* Acts 9:34; 40-41

Acts 9:32-34 – Who did Peter find on the way to visit believers in Lydda? Why did Peter find Aeneas?

God/Holy Spirit speaks / directs

* Followers take action (in combination with the Holy Spirit) v.32-33; 39
* Those targeted are approached and invited to take action 9:34; 9:40
* Those in the community in response are led to take action 9:35; 41-42

**Evangelism to those who are different**

* Peter deals with ministering to non-Jews
* God speaks to Gentiles and to Peter
  + Cornelius was a gentile believer (Acts 10:1-8)
  + Had a vision
  + God/an angel of God spoke to him
  + Cornelius given instructions, sends for Peter

**God communicates in a vision/dream to Peter**

* Peter praying, fell into a trance
* Vision of animals (10:11-16)

When God speaks

* If he speaks to others about something you should do, he will also speak it to you directly. (10:3-8 – instructions to Cornelius, 9-19 – instructions to Peter

**The Holy Spirit Shows up in a public way (10:43-48)**

* The Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message
* Those circumcised were amazed that gentiles received the Holy Spirit
* Gentiles were speaking in tongues and praising God
* Baptism