The Church as a Painting—Diversity | Acts 10

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**Sermon Notes**

**Principle 1: It is possible to God but not know God. 10:1-8**

**Principle 2: There is no room in the church to people because of their ethnicity. 10:9-48**

**Journey Group Questions**

1. A *seeker* is a spiritually-minded person who has not exercised faith alone in Christ alone. And, as such, is not a part of the *Body of Christ-the Church*. Read Acts 10:1-8 and answer the following questions.

	1. What are the characteristics of a seeker?
	2. What are the benefits of being a seeker?
	3. What are the consequences of being a seeker?
2. A *seeker* must encounter the gospel in order to exercise faith alone in Christ alone. With Acts 10:34-43 in view, what is the core content of the good news which Peter conveys to these seekers -- Cornelius and his household?
3. God is on mission to reclaim worshipers from diverse cultures, backgrounds, and life experiences. Look for the answers to the following questions in Acts 10.
	1. What does 10:15 and 10:28 have to say about this truth?
	2. Which three verses among 10:34-43 declare this truth?
	3. In your own words, what do each of these three verses in 10:34-43 say about God’s acceptance and God’s conditions for acceptance.
	4. If God Himself accepts people into His Family (Church) from every culture, background and life experience, who have trusted in Christ shouldn’t we do the same? Why do we sometimes have trouble doing so?
4. What one thing can you do, or do better, to demonstrate that you are aligned with God and value diverse cultures, backgrounds and life experiences in your church (Cornerstone)?