

SERMON NOTES

August 5 & 6, 2023

Seat at the Table: I Saved You a Seat

Acts 10:1-48

What makes inviting people challenging?

1. I don't _____ to people I don't _____. **Acts 10: 19-22**
2. Sitting with someone _____ than me is _____. **Acts 10:9-12**
3. I see people through _____ eyes, not _____ heart. **Acts 10:13 - 16**

How do I overcome the challenge to invite people to the table?

1. Choose _____ over a _____. **Acts 10:28**
2. _____ people about their story instead of _____ I know it. **Acts 10:29**
3. Stop using scripture to justify playing _____. **Acts 10: 34-35**
4. Find opportunities to stand _____ people, not _____ them. **Acts 10: 44-48**

Challenge: Invite someone to the table.

Life Steps

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Monday

Acts 10:1-6,3

Reflect: Is there something God is calling you to do that scares you? Who does God want to connect with through you this week?

Pray: God, show me who you want me to invite to church this weekend. Give me the words to invite them. Amen

Tuesday

Acts 10:9-16,9

Reflect: Who do you avoid because they seem too different for you? How easy or difficult would it be to invite them to church this weekend? Why?

Pray: Lord, help me see people through your heart and not my eyes. Amen

Wednesday

Acts 10:1-20,17

Reflect: When was the last time you started a conversation with someone you didn't know just to learn their story? Can you try it today?

Pray: God, thank you for inviting us to be part of your story. Let your story be revealed in us and in others as we seek to be a bridge and not a barrier to participate in your community. Amen

Thursday

Acts 10:23b-26,23b

Reflect: Cornelius placed Peter on a pedestal, and Peter corrected him in verse 26. Are there any people or groups you think you are better than? Why or why not?

Pray: God, help me see you have enough love and opportunities to go around so I can trust that there is no hierarchy in your community. Amen

Friday

Acts 10:27-29,27

Reflect: Is there anyone you refuse to associate with? Have you complained about someone this week? What would God say about this person?

Pray: God, help me have peace in the presence of my enemies. Amen

Saturday

Acts 10:34-36,34

Reflect: Have you ever thought God favors you over someone else or a group of people? What changes in our practice if we decide God's acceptance for all people is to be distributed through you?

Pray: God, help my conversations be led with the love you have for me so others can experience your love through me. Amen

Sunday

Acts 10:44-47,44

Reflect: Who are you withholding a seat from? Have you been withholding a seat from yourself because you don't feel worthy? What changes when you started believing God has saved you a seat at his table?

Pray: God, help me invite people to your community. Help me believe I belong in your community. Use me to help build your community. Amen