

By Faith Alone Discussion Questions

Acts 10:34-48

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1. Have you ever thought that someone could never be saved because of the things they have done? If so, what kind of things did they do that made you feel this way? Is this feeling the truth? Or, in a moment of weakness, have you found yourself thinking you didn't want someone to get saved because you wanted them to be punished for what they had done? How can we see these people the way Christ sees them?
2. Read Ecclesiastes 12:13. What does it say is "the whole duty of man?" What does this mean?
3. Read Luke 2:14, Romans 5:1, and Ephesians 2:17. How is the gospel the only thing that brings true peace?
4. What is expected of those who serve a lord? How does this apply to us in serving Christ as our Lord?
5. Which of Jesus' teachings means the most to you?
6. How is the crucifixion the key part of the gospel? What would the next key thing be? Why?
7. How does Jesus rising from the dead validate everything He claimed?
8. Why did Jesus appear to so many people after His resurrection?
9. Why do you deserve God's judgment?
10. Read 1 Peter 4:5 and 2 Corinthians 5:10. What kind of account will you give to God for what you have done here on earth?
11. Read Psalm 103:12, 130:3-4, Isaiah 38:17, Matthew 26:28, Luke 7:48, and Ephesians 1:7. Do you struggle with feeling you are forgiven? What do these verses tell us about our sins and God's forgiveness? Which verse will help you the most when you are struggling with feeling forgiven? Take time to memorize this verse.
12. How does the Holy Spirit falling on the Gentiles show they were accepted by God just as much as the Jews were accepted? Why did this amaze the Jews who were with Peter? Why is this such a big deal?
13. How are you extolling (magnifying or enlarging) God?
14. How does baptism provide the believer the opportunity to identify with Christ and be incorporated into the church?
15. On a scale of 1 to 10, how important is it to you to gathering with other believers to grow? 1 being not important and 10 being extremely important. To help you decide this, what are the reasons you have missed your small group or church?
16. How are you going with the gospel? How are you helping the people you have reached to grow in knowledge about God as well as their relationship with God?