

“Good News for the Lonely and Weary”

Acts 11:1-18 – *Pastor Josh Gerber*

Main point: There is no better news for the lonely and the weary than to know God has welcomed you fully and freely into his family, where you can rest without pretending or proving.

3. Our welcome is secure because it rests on grace, not performance (v17-18).

Discussion Questions:

1. When have you been criticized when you were trying to do something good or gracious? How did it affect your willingness to welcome others?
2. Why do you think grace is so often met with suspicion or resistance, even among believers?
3. Peter struggled to understand God's welcome to the Gentiles. Where do you struggle to believe that God welcomes you fully and freely?
4. How does knowing that God welcomes you into His family because of Christ's worthiness, not your own, change the way you relate to Him?
5. In what ways do you still try to "earn" your place with God or with others? What makes performance-based belonging so exhausting?
6. Acts 11 shows that God's welcome is a gift, not a reward. How might your life look different if you truly rested in that gift instead of trying to maintain it?
7. Who in your life feels lonely, weary, or on the outside, and how might God be inviting you to extend the same grace-filled welcome you've received?