

Oceanside Connect Group Outline
Week of December 6th 2015



Key Scripture
Acts 10:34-38, 42-43

Gentiles Hear the Good News

³⁴ So Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ, Lord of all, ³⁷ you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

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⁴² And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Discussion questions from this week’s sermon

“Who rules your life?” If you were to ask that question to people outside the church who or what would be their answer?

Acts 10 shows the first time that a group of Roman Gentiles heard that Jesus was the Lord. **How radical was it for a Roman to declare that Jesus was Lord instead of Caesar?**

Do you think it’s more or less radical for converts today to declare that Jesus is Lord over their lives?

As Christians we either tend to see Jesus as mainly Saviour, or as Lord. **What effect does it have on someone’s life who only sees Jesus as one of those?**

On Sunday we found out that the Bible mentions Jesus as Saviour 24 times and as Lord 618 times. **What do you think about these numbers? Do they contrast on how we commonly portray Jesus today?**

Mike mentioned on Sunday that we in North America have tended to give more attention to Jesus as Saviour than as Lord. **Why do you think that happens?**

What does the Jesus as Lord mean to you? What do you associate with it?

"I am not my own" + "I was brought with a price"
= "Therefore I will honour Him with my life"

What do you think about the above statement?

Jesus is Lord over all, and the life of a Christian is one of constantly submitting your life to Him. **What do you find are the most difficult areas of your life to submit to Jesus? What are the easiest?**

As a group discuss and encourage each other with ways that you have seen growth in these difficult areas.