



Connect Group Discussion Guide

The main idea for this series, “We Are. . .” is that vision is a powerful thing; a motivating force. This series is about learning to see as God sees and experiencing the full impact of His vision.

1. Motivation refers to the forces within a person that affect the direction, intensity, and persistence of voluntary behavior. Motivated people are willing to exert a particular level of effort (intensity), for a certain amount of time (persistence), toward a particular goal (direction). What are some things that motivate you?
2. Read the Acts verses. Peter (a Jewish man) was staying at the home of a tanner (Simon). In that time, tanners were people with whom Jews did not fellowship because the occupation of tanner made the person “unclean”. What does it say about Peter that he stayed at Simon’s house?
3. In verses 10-13, Peter saw a vision of a lunch sack filled with animals considered unclean, and in the vision the Lord told Peter to “eat”. What do you think the Lord was trying to tell Peter?
4. In verses 14-15, Peter was taken aback because he grew up being taught that these animals were detestable. Since the Lord told him, in these verses, not to call something unclean that He made clean, what important lesson is Peter beginning to be taught?
5. In verses 17—19, Peter began to think deeply about the vision and started to consider the fact that what he had been taught may have been incorrect. Have you ever been challenged in your thinking and started to realize that something you believed to be true of someone(s) may not necessarily be true after all?
6. Ultimately, in verses 19-23, Peter is visited by men who represented a soldier called Cornelius who was a God-fearing man, but also a Roman (another group of people with whom Jews didn’t associate). They were led of the Lord to ask Peter to come with them to see Cornelius. How do you think the vision of the food prepared Peter for this interaction and request?
7. How can you being to interaction with others - with whom you may not have thought to engage—to get to know them better than you may know them right now?

Series: We Are. . . “A Vision That Motivates”

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Main Idea

We are challenged by God to see others differently than we have in the past. We are to see beyond our own pre-conceived notions and through the eyes of God so that someone else can be changed by His love.

Key Scripture Reference(s)

***Read aloud:
Acts 10:10-23***

Your Faith in Action

What steps will you take this week to **show** others what you believe (in words, and in deeds)?

Mon: _____

Tue: _____

Wed: _____

Thu: _____

Fri: _____

Sat: _____

Sun: _____

This is a constant element, so you can practically live out your faith everyday.