



CONNECTIONS

Sermonnotes - April 30, 2017

Keyverse

Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right."

Acts 10:34-35

Everyone

We like things the way they are. We like our group here. We like our people here, and we don't want anyone else coming in and messing things up for us. That's the danger of turning into a comfortable church. Pastor Dan

1. What is your favorite ethnic food—Italian, Mexican, Chinese, Polish? Your least favorite? Do you avoid any foods *because you are a Christian*? Explain.
2. Read Leviticus 11:1-9, 13, 20 and Acts 10:9-15, 34-35. Do you think God intended Israel to avoid *people* who ate unclean foods or the foods only? What “unclean things” cause us to avoid people involved in them?
3. Dan said that, as a church, we can get selfish and preoccupied with the question ‘What’s in it for me?’ Have you seen that happen in a church? What’s the balance between what we get out of church and what we give?
4. Read these Scriptures and note how early Christians made uncomfortable decisions to expand the gospel and include others:
 - Acts 6:1-7 –
 - Acts 8:1-4 –
 - Acts 11:1-3, 18 –
 - Acts 13:1-3 –
5. Following the example of the first Christians, what steps does your Community Group need to take to include other people? How and when will you take these steps?
6. What could your group do this summer to share what you’re experiencing in your group with others who need it?