

PARENT GUIDE

JOURNEY

Lesson 4.1: Diverse

WITNESSES

▶ SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 10:9-43

SUMMARY:

At its core, God's intention for the Church has always revolved around the gathering of His people, and more importantly the diversity of that gathering. The Church was always designed to be diverse. The nation of Israel once thought Gentiles were not only forbidden from entering the main center of the temple to participate in worship, but they were considered unclean. But Peter's vision in Acts 10 destroys this idea. The Gentiles are now heirs together with Israel, joined together as one Body and now both share in the promise in Christ (Ephesians 3:6).

There is beauty in diversity. To be diverse literally means to be different. But the Church is also a community. It is a unity of everyone together. This is the Church brought together by the gospel and placed under Christ, every nation, tribe, and language beautifully diverse and perfectly united. The gospel was never intended to be restricted to one people, but given to one people with the purpose of taking it to every people.

▶ DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Talk to me about the most interesting thing you learned from this week's lesson.
- Have you ever felt unwelcome in a group of people? Explain.
- What have you learned about your friends' families and their traditions?
- How can we celebrate diversity as a family?
- Tell me your next steps based on what you've learned. How can I help?

▶ CORE VERSE

Ephesians 2:14-16

▶ CORE CONCEPTS

There is no culture or ethnicity excluded from the gospel message.

Community: A group of people who come together with shared values, experiences, or beliefs