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Message Title: The Church For Everyone

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This study guide has been designed for Small Groups in mind, and can be used by individuals as well.

Bible Verses:

- Acts 10:1-23, NIV

Key Points

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| 1. | Did you hear “Yanny” or “Laurel”? Brian thinks we're crazy for eating almonds, walnuts, and calamari. What foods do you think other people are crazy for eating? What foods will you NOT eat? Review Acts 10:1-23. |
| 2. | Gentiles were considered “inferior, less loved, less valuable, less important...heathen, pagan, dirty, Godless skeptics.” God's people, the Jews, didn't interact with them. What groups today are treated like Gentiles were treated in the first century? |
| 3. | When have you invited someone unexpected into your home? |
| 4. | When is it helpful to categorize people? How can we categorize people without assigning values to categories? |

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| <p>5.</p> | <p>Are there some chains that we don't really want to be broken?</p> <p>In our lives?</p> <p>In our culture?</p> <p>What divisions are we accustomed to and comfortable with?</p> |
| <p>6.</p> | <p>In Matthew 1, there are 5 women named in the genealogy of Jesus. First, find them (they are not all 'named', but some are mentioned indirectly, such as Matthew 1:6.</p> |
| <p>7.</p> | <p>Brian said, "I believe that the world is hungry to see Christ followers practicing what they say they believe--that in Jesus Christ, there are no more divisions." Martin Luther King, Jr. said, "It is appalling that the most segregated hour of Christian America is eleven o'clock on Sunday morning."</p> <p>Is the church in America still divided?</p> <p>If so, then is the segregation a matter of race?</p> <p>Are there additional factors?</p> |
| <p>8.</p> | <p>Communion is a unifying practice of our faith, a reminder that God died for each of us. How else can we be reminded that we are all equal in God's sight?</p> |
| <p>9.</p> | <p>Is there a person or group of people you want to see differently?</p> <p>Equally?</p> <p>How can your small group help?</p> |

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