



## WEEKEND RESOURCES | FEBRUARY 11, 2024

### Week One | Inviting Everyone

USE THESE QUESTIONS AND RESOURCES TO HELP YOU PROCESS THE MESSAGE DURING YOUR STUDY TIME OR WITH YOUR GROUP.

**Message Recap:** The Eastern Hills mission is to invite everyone to experience that following Jesus Makes Life Better because ALL people matter to God, and the gospel appeals to ALL people. The gospel is offensive, not for who it keeps out, but who it lets in - Jesus invites everyone - but who are you inviting to know the better life with Jesus?

#### » Main Points

- **Inviting Everyone** to Experience that Following Jesus Makes Life Better.
- To the degree that sin devastated humanity, God's grace can redeem it.
- People matter most to God.
- Pray. Invest. Invite.

#### » Getting Started

- Make a list of people who are close to you physically and far from God relationally.

#### » Observation

- Read and reflect on [Acts 10: Genesis 1:26-27; 3:6-13](#)
- What are your initial reactions to these passages? What do you find challenging? Are you encouraged by any of these verses? Why?

#### reachout

- If you have new neighbors, co-workers, or even friends, pray for them, go and meet them, and find out about them. If you've had the same neighbors for years, maybe it's time to start investing in a relationship with them, or maybe you have enough relationship to invite them to church with you.

#### growdeep

- God could have communicated the gospel to Cornelius directly. Why do you think he had Peter travel to Caesarea to share the gospel face-to-face?
- In what ways might you and our community need to experience humility for the sake of the gospel?
- What long-held religious beliefs need to be challenged before you or others are ready to invite everyone to experience that Jesus makes life better?
- Reread Acts 10:15. Summarize this verse in your own words. How do these words challenge or encourage you?

#### partner with families

- Make a habit of praying for people close to you and far from Jesus this week. Drive, dinner, and bedtime are great opportunities to pray together as a family!

#### » Next Steps and Prayer

- Who are you praying for? Who are you investing in? Who are you inviting into God's better story?
- This week, consider what prejudices prevent you from inviting everyone to Jesus. Ask Jesus to help you break down those barriers.
- Close by praying for the names on your list who are close to you but far from God that you would have an opportunity to invite them to experience that Jesus Makes Life Better.