



Breaking New Ground

Acts 9:31 - 10:23

Series: Acts, #12

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Theme: **God fashions willing believers to break new ground.**

The challenge of breaking new ground.

1. The task: extend the gospel to the gentiles. (10:1-16; see also 10:28, 34-35)
2. The targeted messenger: Peter.

The fashioning of a suitable worker.

1. Through clarifying and confirming His call. (9:32-43; 10:10-16)
2. Through prayer. (10:9)
3. Through God's word. (10:10-20)
4. Through obedience. (10:21-23; see also 10:28)

In My Life This Week

As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.

Monday. Yesterday we looked at God breaking new ground through willing workers, specifically the apostle Peter. We know that God's salvation is for all people in all places. Think of people in your world who have not come to Christ, especially those you and others may not regularly think of as being open to the gospel. Begin to think of how God may want you to break new ground in reaching them.

Tuesday. God fashioned Peter into being suitable for the task of taking the gospel to the gentiles on an equal basis with the Jews. Part of that process included clarifying and confirming His call (see the outline). God always gives us—you—direction and confirmation to take the next step. You can count on it. Are you looking for and open to it?

Wednesday. God worked to prepare Peter through prayer (10:9) and His word (10:10-20). Finding God's direction will not come without prayer and taking in God's word. How are you doing in these two aspects of your relationship with God? Review the last week or two and list some of the ways God directed you as you were faithful in prayer and being in His word.

Thursday. To break new ground, you have to actually do the work. Spiritually, that means being obedient to God's direction. Review 10:9-23, especially Peter's obedience in 10:21-23. Have you been obeying God's direction this week? Obedience is essential to break new ground in your own life and be part of God breaking new ground in others' lives as well.

Friday – Saturday. On Sunday we plan to take a second look at 10:1-23 from a different perspective. Read and think through this section in preparation for our time together.