

BASE CAMP



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August 5 & 6

Love Across Enemy Lines

This sermon study is designed to be used the week after the sermon it supplements. Before using the study in your group, it might be helpful to work through the questions on your own. The purpose of this guide is merely to help facilitate discussion, so don't feel pressure to visit every question.

SERIES OVERVIEW

Base camps are a central gathering, a check point no matter what kind of journey you're on. Whether you're summiting Everest or hiking in Brown County, the purpose of a base camp is to rest, refuel, and recenter yourself for the journey ahead.

Our base camp is a revisiting of why we do what we do, who we are, and who we want to be as a church and a community. We need to remember who we are so that we can keep going. So grab your friends, and join us next weekend for week one of *Base Camp*.

TEXT

Acts 10:1-48

ADDITIONAL TEXT

Matthew 8:10-11

Colossians 4:5-6

GETTING STARTED

Have you ever climbed a mountain? Share your climbing experience. If you had the opportunity to climb Mt. Everest, would you do it?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Why is it important to keep coming back to why we do what we do as individuals and as a church? What is the purpose and benefit of establishing values?
2. On an expedition, base camp is necessary if you're going to reach the summit, but it's never meant to replace it. When considering your church as a base camp, do you find yourself thinking it's not that important or that it's the summit of your experience with God? Why so?

3. Acts 10:3-16 records God speaking to Cornelius and Peter through a vision and an audible voice. How has God spoken to you? When God speaks, do you have difficulty accepting what he says? Do you challenge it? How do you combat doubt in your mind?
4. Do you agree with Peter that God shows no favoritism? Have you always felt that way, or was there a time when you felt differently? The good news of Jesus is for everyone everywhere. What barriers have you allowed (language, culture, race, geography, economic, or educational) to keep you from telling others about Christ? How can you remove those barriers?
5. What do you think relational evangelism is? What feelings does the word evangelism give you? Why? How have you seen relational evangelism done well? What is different when a connection is established with the person first?
6. What's the difference between proselytizing and evangelizing? What has been your experience with the two? Has someone you don't know ever tried to convince or coerce you to believe a certain way? How did it go?
7. Who has God placed in your life that is different from you? How may he be using them to accomplish his plan for your life?

NEXT STEPS

Jesus is the only One who can change anyone, and he's available to everyone. It's not your job to convince, control, or coerce anybody into anything.

Be encouraged this week by reading Colossians 4:5-6. Learn from the example Jesus set when it comes to those who don't believe and decide how you will live it out.