



Healthy change requires a...

The Need for Change

Acts 11:1-3; Matthew 9:10; Romans 10:12-21

“circumcised believers”

“into the house of the uncircumcised and ate with them”

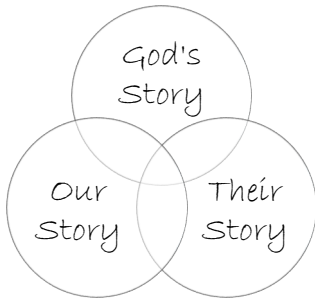
When God wants to do a new thing, He raises up a

The Process of Change

Acts 11:4-17

- Change often starts very personal transformation.
“Starting from the beginning, Peter told them the whole story.” (v. 4)
“I was in the city of Joppa praying...” (v. 5)
- Bigger waves of change require group participation.
“Right then three men who had been sent to me...” (v. 11)

- Lasting waves of change require God's confirmation.
“As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning.” (v. 15)



What lesson did the Early Church learn in Acts 11?

You do not have to be religious to be a Christian

The Acceptance of Change

“When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, ‘So then, God has granted even the Gentiles repentance unto life.’” Acts 11:18

Lasting change will require a

How should we respond?

- God shows no partiality...*neither should we*
- Change is a process...*we should be patient*
- Change starts with us...*Are we willing?*
- God wants us to receive His forgiveness (Acts 10:43)...