



Our changing times require our change of heart and mind.

📖 Acts 10:28, 34-36 (Acts 11-15)

## 1 REFRAMING OUR FRAMEWORK

📖 Acts 10:1-48; Matthew 9:17

Peter had a radical shift in how he thought about the Church, who could be part of it, and how they would be included. He needed his framework to be reframed. God did that for him through Cornelius, an outsider.

## 2 A CHANGING LANDSCAPE

Our Canadian religious landscape has changed drastically in the past 10 years. We must reframe our framework while keeping Jesus central to who we are.

### Why is it necessary that we pay attention to how our culture is shifting?

- We are one generation away from becoming meaningless.
- We are called to go to the people around us.
- People are still open to spiritual things - just not the church the way it has been.

### What are we doing about it?

- Being strategic. Find, Follow, Join, Make
- This is what we want for people, not from people.
- Our Leadership is developing new 5-7 year goals. Stay tuned for more details.
  - Creating new opportunities to learn and grow together about how to reframe our framework. (Classes, Workshops, Serving Teams, etc).

## 3 WHAT CAN YOU DO?

1. Commit to one another.
2. Commit to learning.
3. Commit to loving.
4. Commit to risking with us.



### reflection questions

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#### WARMING UP:

1. What have you noticed about the Canadian religious landscape in the past 10 years? How do you respond to what is happening?
2. Changing one's framework is difficult, especially for groups. Why do you think that is?

#### LEARNING AND DISCUSSING:

3. Read Acts 10:9-16. How did God use Peter's vision to help him reframe his thinking about who could be included in the Church? (vs. 15 - unclean was about more than just animals).
4. How did Peter show that he was reframing his worldview and following God's lead? (vs. 17-29; especially verse 28). What would be a modern equivalent to the monumental shift Peter embraced by entering the home of a non-Jewish person?
5. Read Acts 11:1-3. How does the existing Church initially handle Peter's decision to go to Cornelius' home? What happens by 11:15-18? What lessons are there in this for us today?

#### MAKING IT REAL:

6. If we are going to be effective as a church, we need to reframe our framework. What do we need to do in order for this to happen? What do you need, to be able to reframe your own worldview?
7. How willing are you to get uncomfortable in order to receive many others into our family and see them mature into fully devoted Jesus followers? Where do you draw the line? Why?
8. Paul suggested 5 things you can do to help yourself and New Life reframe our framework so that we might reach many new people with the love of Jesus. How willing are you to embrace those 5 invitations?

### Give it a try! choose one of the following

1. Go over the 5 suggestions from Paul, of what you can do, and consider which ones require your attention. Think about how you can grow in that area.
2. During this season of Lent, pray every day and ask God to show you what parts of your framework might be hindering people from receiving the good news of Jesus. Be willing to give that up as part of the Lent season. Give it over to God and ask him to fill you with new wine for the new wineskin he is providing for us.



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