

**Next Things**  
Core Group Discussion Guide  
08-27-2017

**Message Overview:**

The world is changing in radical ways and as our culture changes our church must carefully and boldly change as well. This week's message will highlight some of the changes that have already begun to affect us. The message will call us to consider how God might be leading us to begin responding to these changes. Furthermore, my hope is that we get a sense for the urgency that is required to really be in step with Jesus as his spirit is at work, rescuing our world. The text for Sunday morning comes from Acts 10 and 11 as Peter is called to step out of the box he has lived in his entire life.

**Text:**

- Acts 10 and 11
- Acts 15:1-35 – Jerusalem Council

**Questions for Discussion:**

To Begin: Give each person in your group 5-10 minutes to fill out the survey provided by the Growing Young Team. Surveys are in each mailbox and in your classrooms. (If you prefer, you can leave time at the end of the Core Group to fill out the survey)

Group Exercise: (5-10 minutes) Gather into groups of 3-4 and write down the part of the message that stood out most to you. Additionally, write down 2 questions that stemmed from the message.

1. Discuss questions that each group created.
2. Which cultural changes discussed in the message bother you the most? Why?
3. Would you add any additional cultural changes to the list provided?
4. (discussing Acts 10 and change) Peter was a disciple who had made radical changes to follow Jesus, what do you think made it so difficult for Peter to change and adjust to the new things God was doing among Gentiles?
5. Churches through all generations have been notoriously slow to change. Are the reasons for this the same reasons that held Peter back or are there different reasons in play?
6. (Personal Stories) Can you think of a time when God was leading you or your church toward change and you weren't excited about it, but it turned out to be a good thing?