Big Tent July 2017 Bible Study Resources

The <u>Big Tent Bible study</u> was led by Eric D. Barreto, Ph.D, of Princeton Theological Seminary. He brought participants along to hang out in the book of Acts, with a focus on Pentecost, the Ethiopian Eunuch, Peter & Cornelius, with a brief trip into Luke. The two sessions included presentations and conversations across two days of Big Tent.

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Luke 1:1-4 Luke 15 Acts 1:8 Acts 2:1-15 Acts 8:26-40 Acts 10

- 1. Share about a time when God moved ahead of you like God did in Acts 15. Or, tell a story about a moment when God surprised you.
- 2. How does God speak to us? How does God show us a new path, a new direction we might follow? Share an example of when this has happened in your life.
- 3. In what ways does the church need to "convert" like Peter does in Acts 10? In what ways are we resisting God today?
- 4. Tell a story about the first time you realized what your race was. Or tell a story about the first time you realized that there were others who had a different race than you do.
- 5. In what ways are our differences a challenge in the church? In what ways are they a gift in the church?
- 6. In what ways do churches do a good job of welcoming newcomers? In what ways might we do better?