

Big Tent
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Bible Study Resources

The [Big Tent Bible study](#) 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?