COLOR-COURAGEOUS DISCIPLESHIP

SERMON SERIES

Wardrobe Change

Unconscious Bias forms
the underlying feelings we
have towards other people
that influence beliefs and
judgment of certain people
and groups

Unconscious racial bias helps to explain many of our society's racial contradictions

Biases form Beliefs

that inform **Behavior**

and block Beloved Community

*Staring at him in awe, he said,

"What is it, Lord?"

The angel told him, "Your

prayers and your acts of

charity have ascended as a

memorial offering before God.

⁵Now send men to Joppa and call for Simon, who is also named Peter.

⁶He is lodging with Simon, a tanner, whose house is by the sea."

Acts 10:4-6 (CSB)

"He saw heaven opened and an object that resembled a large sheet coming down, being lowered by its four corners to the earth.

¹²In it were all the four-footed animals and reptiles of the earth, and the birds of the sky.

¹³A voice said to him, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat."

Acts 10:11-13 (CSB)

²⁴The following day he entered Caesarea. Now Cornelius was expecting them and had called together his relatives and close friends.

Acts 10:24 (CSB)

33So I immediately sent for you, and it was good of you to come. So now we are all in the presence of God to hear everything you have been

commanded by the Lord."

Acts 10:33 (CSB)

Peter began to speak: "Now I truly understand that God doesn't show favoritism,

but in every nation the person who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.

Acts 10:34-35 (CSB)



Three factors that break down racial bias:

- -Divine Revelation of the imago dei
- -Diverse cross-racial relationships
- -Definitive moments of repentence

Impact > Intent

¹¹But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face because he stood condemned.

¹²For he regularly ate with the Gentiles before certain men came from James. However, when they came, he withdrew and separated himself, because he feared those from the

circumcision party.

¹³Then the rest of the Jews joined his hypocrisy, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy. ¹⁴But when I saw that they were deviating from the truth of the gospel, I told Cephas in front of everyone, "If you, who are a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you

compel Gentiles to live like Jews?"

Galatians 2:11-14 (CSB)