

## Leaving the Comfort Zone

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**Text:** Acts 9:31-43, NIV

### **Uncovering Potential Cultural Biases**

- Uncovering potential biases \_\_\_\_\_.
- Recognition of our personal biases is \_\_\_\_\_.
- The challenge of the \_\_\_\_\_ current cultural biases.

### **God's Tender Help**

- God offers His tender help through \_\_\_\_\_.
- If we allow Him, God will \_\_\_\_\_.

### **God wants Us to Operate in Love**

## **Life Enrichment**

What about today's teaching challenged, disturbed, or encouraged you?

- When has the fear of the unknown gripped you? How did you work through it?
- How does the fear of the unknown shape our perspectives on other people and groups within society?
- Why do you think it takes so much time to overcome our personal biases? How difficult is it to overcome longstanding biases?
- What are some of the biases that Bible believing Christians are prone to hold?
- Why do you think God was so gracious in easing Peter toward accepting Gentiles?
- How can we soften our attitudes toward people without compromising the truth?
- How can we exchange fear of strangers/outsideers (*xenophobia*) for love of strangers/outsideers (*philoxenia*)? What role does personal experience among outsideers play in this process?