

# GoGoGoGo

## Part 2 of 2: *Growing as we GO*

### APPETIZER: Extending the Table

Mom and Apple Pie!

*This is what the Kingdom of God is like: a bunch of outcasts and oddballs gathered at a table, not because they are rich or worthy or good, but because they are hungry, because they said yes. And there's always room for more.*

~ Rachel Held Evans

### DINE IN: God's Kingdom Always Has Room for More

Acts 10 & 11

1. The church's vision keeps expanding. Jesus' Kingdom welcomes all people to the table. God is doing something new!

**Acts 10:28; 34-35; 11:17-18; see also Matt. 8:11; Luke 4:14-27**

2. Our barriers, assumptions, and prejudices will be challenged.

**Acts 10:15, 20; 11:17**

3. The focus on hospitality is not accidental – it's core to acceptance, understanding, and relationship.

**Acts 10:23; 28; 11:2-3; Luke 7:34; 10:5-8; 24:30-31**

4. God prepares but still we need to respond, go, and share. If we stop going, we stop growing.

**Acts 10:8, 21, 23, 27, 34-43; Matt 28:18-20; Acts 1:8**

### TAKE OUT: Our Partnership and Our Invitation

To introduce spiritually curious people to the Jesus-centred life, through a movement of Jesus-centred churches.

The story of The Meeting House – We are most ourselves when we don't make it about us. We've been our best when we go beyond our community.

It's time to Go!

Go is a 2.5-year fundraising campaign to raise \$6 million to fulfill Jesus' command to go and make disciples.

It's going beyond ourselves as a church family and beyond our borders. We all have a role to play!

1. Be spiritually curious. Both Cornelius and Peter were spiritually open and curious.
2. Pray. Be open to the prompting of the Holy Spirit.
3. Be ready to change and move beyond your comfort zone in order to share Jesus, welcome more friends to his table.
4. Use our new website as a resource.
5. Invite friends to check us out on Sundays or at Home Church.
6. Be willing to invest in the vision. Personally, as well as at your site.

- a. More information: [themeetinghouse.com/go](http://themeetinghouse.com/go)
- b. Give: [themeetinghouse.com/give](http://themeetinghouse.com/give)
- c. Pledge: [themeetinghouse.com/go](http://themeetinghouse.com/go)
- d.

We are also invited to the table – the Lord's Table – let's come together to the table to share in communion.

### Home Church Questions

**HANGOUT** [Warming Up to the Topic – in one Large Group]

1. After hearing some of the details of our vision and “Go Campaign”, what excites you the most?

Watch the home church hangout video.

### **HEAR** [Listening to God through Scripture – in Discussion Groups]

2. Read Acts 10:1-23; 44-48; Acts 11:1-18
  - a. What stands out to you from these passages and/or Sunday’s message?
  - b. Consider these earlier experiences (see below) in discussing this question: Why is the lesson that Jesus’ Kingdom is a wide and welcoming one something that seems to take time to understand? Still true? What are some lessons we can draw from this?
    - i. Jesus’ own meeting with a centurion in **Matthew 8:5-13**.
    - ii. Peter’s sermon at Pentecost in **Acts 2:14-21**.
  - c. What current barriers, assumptions, and prejudices are challenged in the categories below when we reach out as Christ-followers?
    - i. Our perception of God and how he is at work?
    - ii. How others perceive the church?
    - iii. Our perception of others?
  - d. What do you think about the focus on hospitality and engaging spiritually curious people? Is this important? If so, how can we cultivate this personally, in our Home Church, and at our site?
  - e. As you consider vision and the Go Campaign, what are innovative ways for either your home church or your local site to:
    - i. Be even more welcoming? What may need to change for new friends to feel more “at home”?
    - ii. Move beyond Sundays and reach out to your community?

### **HUDDLE** [Making It Personal and Praying Together – in Huddles]

3. What do you sense God is saying to you that may need to change in how you view yourself? Others? Share with your huddle and pray for each other.
4. What else has God been convicting or encouraging you about our vision and Go Campaign through this week’s teaching? How will you respond?