

Backdrop: Jews and Gentiles

Opening Discussion:

1. Have you ever been to a Jewish synagogue service?
2. When you think of the Jewish people, what comes to mind?

1. _____ and _____

They answered him, "Abraham is our father." Jesus said to them, "If you were Abraham's children, you would be doing the works Abraham did. **John 8:39**

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. **Romans 1:16**

For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

2. _____ and God _____

After the meeting of the synagogue broke up, many Jews and devout converts (proselytes) to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who, as they spoke with them, urged them to continue in the grace of God. **Acts 13:43**

At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion of what was known as the Italian Cohort, a devout man who feared God with all his household. **Acts 10:1-2**

Paul stood up, and motioning with his hand said: "Men of Israel and you who fear God, listen." **Acts 13:16**

3. Spiritual _____ and spiritual _____

Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. **Matthew 6:31-32**

Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. **Matthew 3:9**

Not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel. **Romans 9:6**

We are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles. **Mark 10:33**

Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham. And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, "In you shall all the nations be blessed." So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

Galatians 3:7-9

Ephesians 2:11-22