

Hello everyone

You meet some wise people in you lives, don't you. People who can guide you out of their experience of life.

I've been lucky to have benefited from many people's help during my life, but there are some who stand out. One person once said to me. You get people for a season. They can be with you for awhile, help you and then move on, but what happens is that God ensures there's someone waiting to help you with the next part of life.

It's quiet an interesting exercise to pause every so often and work out just who those people have been in your life.

Maybe parents, maybe long term friends, possible a teacher or two, then there could have been a work colleague and so the list develops.

At the moment Luke is guiding us through his version of the early history of the church.

Last week we thought a little bit about Paul and today on the Kid's kirk page Rachel will take us through the

story of Paul's conversion. Sarah will look again at Paul and how he changes through the New Testament.

But overall Luke's story in the book of acts is of people working together, often for a season and then moving on. Luke focuses us on a few well known names like Peter, John, Paul, Barnabas, Stephen, Philip and Paul , but we know there were many more involved in the initial story of the church.

People there for a season to help out. Even within the big names, they are not there for the whole story.

Take Peter, he is a regular up to chapter 12 of the book of Acts and makes a final walk on appearance in chapter 15 before Paul and his colleagues take over Luke's tory.

People given by God for a season. Today we look at one of Peter's final appearances in the book of Acts.

It's an important story

And it's a long story

But luckily for us falls neatly into two parts so we will look at part one today and part two next week.

It's the story of Cornelius who is given Peter for a season and in doing so Peter finds Cornelius helps him understand God a little bit more as Luke continues to relate how the way church worked back in the early days as a series of seasons of discovery by groups of people as more and more are welcomed.

After all, as Job found out God is with us, yes but we have to be prepared to be flexible.

As one of his friends says to Job

Hear this O Job

Stop and consider the wondrous works of God.

Do you know the balancing of the clouds?

The wonderful works of the one whose knowledge is perfect?

Let us worship God