

Gospel Meeting - cont.

'Send therefore to Joppa and call Simon here, whose surname is Peter. He is lodging in the house of Simon, a tanner, by the sea. When he comes, he will speak to you" (10:30-32).

God answers prayer! I trust that prayers have already been made for this upcoming meeting. Let's not faint in earnest prayer! Pray individually in daily prayer, for "the prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working" (James 5:16).

Epilogue

When Peter, at the close of his sermon, commanded Cornelius and the rest in attendance to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, they responded in obedience. The Christians in Jerusalem glorified God when they heard that God had "granted repentance unto life" to these at Caesarea.

We too will rejoice as those who come to hear the Gospel are moved to obey it and join us in the family of God.

– Steve Reeves -

Gospel Meeting Schedule

April 11-14, 2019

Thursday: "What Has the Lord Spoken?"
(7 pm)

Friday: "Do You Really Want to Know What the Lord Has Spoken" (7 pm)

Saturday: "When People Don't Like What the Lord Has Spoken" (7 pm)

Sunday: "Is Not My Word Like A Fire?"
(9:30 am)

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Assembly Times
Sunday: 9:30 am, 10:30 am, 6 pm
Wednesday: 7 pm

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

How to Have a Successful Gospel Meeting Cornelius Style

He Saw the Urgency of the Invitation

Cornelius was told by an angel to send for Peter, who would tell him “words by which you and all your household will be saved” (Acts 11:13, 14). As soon as the angel finished, he saw to it that men were sent to invite Peter to come and preach the things that were commanded by God (Acts 10:33). He made other preparations as well. When Peter arrived at Cornelius’ house he found that he “had called together his relatives and close friends” (Acts 10:24).

We too can have a successful meeting in a few weeks if we invite others come hear the gospel preached. Hand an announcement to a friend, send a hand written note inviting them to come, and then be here early to welcome them!

Attendance of the Members

The attendance of the members of a congregation is lacking in so many places that have gospel meetings. When meetings are held on a Sunday through Friday schedule, often times there are visitors that

come during the week nights of Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, or Friday, yet the attendance is greatest on Wednesday evening. Why? Many times the members of that congregation only attend the gospel meeting on Sunday and Wednesday!

Years ago I had a visitor ask about a member who had invited them to the meeting. The member wasn’t there but the visitor was! I was embarrassed and embarrassed for that member. He wasn’t sick or “providentially hindered”, he was just “too busy” that night! Cornelius again serves as a good example. He told Peter, “Now then, **we are all here** present before God to hear all that you have been commanded by the Lord” (10:33b)

What Can I Do?

First, we can be excited about the opportunity and realize its potential for good. Be excited about the cause of Christ, “For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost” (Luke 19:10).

Visitors need to see the excitement in our lives for the Gospel. Are we singing with joy? Are we following along the lesson with open bibles or taking notes

to be shared with others?

Secondly, think about the visitors! How many of us make a special effort to greet and invite them back? We welcome our visitors in the announcements, but let’s all do our part to make them *feel* welcomed.

Remember the mind of Christ says, “Do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others” (Phil. 2:4). So let’s talk to the visitors first. Where are they from? Are they new to the community? Have they filled out a visitor’s card? We can talk to our friends later, visitors first!

Thirdly, we can pray for the efforts of the coming meeting. Cornelius had a “successful” gospel meeting at his house. Many were baptized into Christ and saved (10:48). But, how did this all get started? Cornelius said, “Four days ago I was fasting until this hour; and at the ninth hour I prayed in my house, and behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing, and said, ‘Cornelius, your prayer has been heard, and your alms are remembered in the sight of God.