

For All People Church Without Walls – Part 5

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Luke 13:4-5 (ESV) Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.”

1. Reach out to seekers

Acts 10:1-2 (ESV) 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, gave alms generously to the people, and prayed continually to God.

Acts 10:3-4 (ESV) About the ninth hour of the day he saw clearly in a vision an angel of God come in and say to him, “Cornelius.” And he stared at him in terror and said, “What is it, Lord?” And he said to him, “Your prayers and your alms have ascended as a memorial before God.

Acts 10:11-13 (ESV) and saw the heavens opened and something like a great sheet descending, being let down by its four corners upon the earth. In it were all kinds of animals and reptiles and birds of the air. And there came a voice to him: “Rise, Peter; kill and eat.”

Acts 10:15 (ESV) And the voice came to him again a second time, “What God has made clean, do not call common.”

2. Lead them to Jesus

Acts 10:34-35 (ESV) So Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.

Acts 10:38 (ESV) how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

Acts 10:39b-40 (ESV) ... They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear,

Acts 10:43 (ESV) To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

3. Share the Spirit’s power

Acts 10:44-45 (ESV) While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles.

Acts 10:46 (ESV) For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God.

Acts 10:47-48 (ESV) “Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

Action Plan for This Week

Have a daily time of Bible reading & prayer (Read Acts 10).
 Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun

Invite a friend to attend the service next week.

How will I obey God’s Word this week? _____

For All People Study Guide

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Intro. What do you think God has been teaching us in the past couple of months that we've not been able to meet physically?

Intro. As the church begins to reopen, what new lessons will we need to learn?

Intro. Why do you think that God allowed this pandemic to happen (Luke 13:4-5)?

Intro. How should we pray that this pandemic would positively impact people?

1A. What does the description of Cornelius tell us about the characteristics of a genuine seeker of God (Acts 10:1-2)?

1B. How did God view Cornelius (Acts 10:3-4)?

1C. What worldview did Peter need to have changed (Acts 10:11-15)?

1D. How is God preparing seekers and our hearts to reach them in this current crisis?

2A. What kinds of prejudice did Peter have to overcome (Acts 10:34-35)?

2B. Why is it important to talk about Jesus' ministry in witnessing (Acts 10:38)?

2C. In what ways is the resurrection the most important event (Acts 10:39-40)?

2D. How is Acts 10:43 a fitting conclusion to Peter's witness?

2E. Why must we focus on Jesus in our witness to seekers?

3A. Why were the Jews amazed that the Gentiles were Spirit baptized (Acts 10:44-45)?

3B. What does Acts 10:46 describe as the initial evidence that proved the Gentiles were Spirit baptized?

3C. Why do you think the Gentiles were spontaneously Spirit baptized rather than first praying for the experience as in Acts 2? Why did Spirit baptism come before water baptism in Acts 10:47-48?

3D. Why should we emphasize the three spiritual foundations taught in Acts 2:38 and seen in this Acts 10 account?

3E. Are you aware of any seekers that are struggling in this time of crisis you could witness to?