

Sharing the Good News (Acts 10:1-48)

Change Your World – Part 4
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Luke 18:27 (NIV) Jesus replied, “What is impossible with man is possible with God.”

Romans 1:16 (NIV) For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.

Acts 1:8 (NIV) But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

1. God _____ hearts for the Good News

Acts 10:24 (NIV) The following day he [Peter] arrived in Caesarea. Cornelius was expecting them and had called together his relatives and close friends.

1A. God prepares His _____

Acts 10:28 (NIV) He [Peter] said to them: “You are well aware that it is against our law for a Jew to associate with or visit a Gentile. But God has shown me that I should not call anyone impure or unclean.

1B. God prepares the _____

Acts 10:31-32 (NIV) [An angel] said, ‘Cornelius, God has heard your prayer and remembered your gifts to the poor. Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter. He is a guest in the home of Simon the tanner, who lives by the sea.’

2. The Good News is for _____

Acts 10:34-35 (NIV) Then Peter began to speak: “I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right.

2A. Jesus Christ is _____ of all

Acts 10:36 (NIV) You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.

2B. Jesus Christ brings _____

Acts 10:38 (NIV) how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

3. The Good News brings _____

3A. Jesus died, _____ and is coming again

Acts 10:39-40 (NIV) “We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen.

Acts 10:42 (NIV) He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead.

3B. _____ in Jesus to be forgiven

Acts 10:43 (NIV) All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

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Intro. What are some of the difficulties people have in sharing the Good News?
How can Luke 18:27 encourage you?

What would being ashamed of the Gospel look like (Romans 1:16)?

Why is the Gospel good news?

Why is the power of the Holy Spirit essential in being witnesses for Jesus (Acts 1:8)?

1A. How did God prepare Peter to be His witness (Acts 10:9-23)? In what ways did Peter have to change (Acts 10:28)?

1B. How did God prepare Cornelius to hear the Good News (Acts 10:1-8)?

1C. In what way is it significant that both Cornelius and Peter were praying when God spoke to them (Acts 10:2, 9)?

1D. How can you cooperate with God in preparing to be His witness?

2A. Why is it important to understand that the Good News is for everyone (Acts 10:34-35)?

2B. Explain why one must acknowledge Jesus as Lord of all in order to be saved (Acts 10:36)?

2C. In what way did the healing ministry of Jesus open the door for Him to proclaim God's truth (Acts 10:38)?

2D. How can the ongoing healing ministry of Jesus through His church open the door for our witness today?

3A. Why is belief in the resurrection of Jesus essential to be saved (Acts 10:39-40)? In what way can the truth of the second coming of Jesus be used in witnessing (Acts 10:42)?

3B. Explain the importance of having your sins forgiven (Acts 10:43). What does it mean to believe in Jesus?

3C. What other two experiences always accompanied salvation in the book of Acts (Acts 10:44-48)?

3D. Who can you pray for an opportunity to share the good news with? Who can you invite to our Easter service on April 20?