

A New Testament Gospel Meeting **Acts 10:1-8**

Can This Be Applied Today?

Cornelius - Demonstrates attitude we should have toward the Message at any time
Cornelius Was Righteous - Searching for Truth; Given way to hear; Followed that way Vs 2-8
Peter was prepared for speaking; Instructions from the Lord Vs 9-20
Prepared when speaker came; Encouraged others to hear also Vs 24,33

Focus Is The Message

Cornelius followed God's instruction to insure he would get the message - Acts 11:13-14
Convinced we have opportunity to hear God's message
Remember the importance of the message - Romans 1:16-17; 2Peter 1:3-4; Acts 20:20-21

Prepare For The Message - Acts 10:33

Made self ready - 1Peter 1:22; Psalm 122:1; Matthew 5:6; James 1:25; 2Timothy 2:15; Matthew 22:37; 1John 2:15-16; Matthew 6:33; Psalm 119:2
We must first prepare our own heart for the message

Importance Of The Message - Acts 10:24

Gospel is for all - Matthew 28:19-20; John 1:40-42
Even the fallen - James 5:19-20; Galatians 6:1
God will bless our efforts - 1Corinthians 3:6; Psalm 126:6; Isaiah 55:10-11

Attention To The Message - Acts 10:33

He was prepared to listen to what Peter had to say
Immediately sent for Peter; Gathered others and waited for message
He was present at the appointed time
Are you going to listen to the speaker? Are your plans made to be here every night?
You can't give attention to the message if not here
Will you bring those you invite?
They need to see you here; should they give attention if you won't?
Upon learning what he "ought to do", obeyed, asked for more - Acts 10:44-48; Matthew 7:21; Acts 13:46
This focus on the message brought success - Acts 10:48,34,45
What about our upcoming meeting?
Will it reach the lost? Will we ourselves be edified?
Will the Kingdom grow as a result of our meeting effort?

Unfortunately Often Today We Find:

Indifference - Go all year why more; Same old thing all the time
Priorities confused - Vacation week; Work all day
Negative Attitude - Meeting not as successful as used to be
Lack of preparation - If I find time; Don't get anything out of it anyway
We must guard against these hindrances.

The Attitude of Cornelius

Cornelius show a much different attitude toward this opportunity to hear the Truth proclaimed than we exhibit today
His concern was getting the messenger
Preparing for the messenger and message
Giving attention to and heeding the message
What about you?
Are you heeding the Message of Christ?
He only asks for obedience to His Message