

Last week RECAP – ACTS 10-11

June 14, 2020 “Come One, Come All!”

My approach as I proceed through Acts will be a word picture that provides a summary overview of the chapter (or chapters). I’m calling this the view from “**the BLIMP.**”

Needed information and facts pertaining to the chapter (or chapters) I’m labeling being inside “**the STADIUM.**” Finally....

“**the FIELD**” of play itself. Being at ground level where you gain insight on game – or for our purposes – LIFE execution.

Summary Overview:

- Cornelius (10:1-48)
- Peter (10:9-11:18)
- Salvation (10:34-35, 43; 11:18)
- Affirmation (11:18)
- Encouragement (11:24)
- Church Planting (11:25ff).

Needed Information/Facts:

- Cornelius. He was devout, he feared God, was benevolent and prayed (10:2) BUT...was still searching. We must *never assume* someone knows Jesus personally despite displaying a “spiritual” side.
- Peter. He was the human instrument the Lord has used to open the door of faith to the Jews (Acts 2), the Samaritans (Acts 8) and now...*the Gentiles!* For Peter to be called upon in such a manner – somewhat kicking and screaming (v.13-16) – to engage Cornelius and company was crucial as a lesson to him and all other Jewish Christ-followers. God forbids any kind of racism or exclusivity inside the church. The gospel makes salvation in Jesus available to anyone who believes in Him. Period.
- Testimony. Your story...being passed along to others on how Jesus has made an eternal difference in your life is precious *AND* powerful.
- Teamwork. Almost all ministry in Acts is done in teams, Christians working together to accomplish God’s tasks on earth more effectively than any one of them could alone. SEE Ecclesiastes 4:9.
- *LIFE* execution: SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT TAKEAWAY – Anyone, *a n y o n e* who trusts Jesus is welcomed into the family – His church. God shows no favoritism in inviting people to the gospel.

“M3-Man, Moment & Movement”

The Birth and Spread of the Church: ACTS

“*God is Good, All the Time; All the Time, God is Good*”

June 21, 2020 – (28)

Text: Acts 12

“*God is Good, All the Time; All the Time, God is Good.*”

As a church we are called upon to “*Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep*” (Romans 12:15) and there have been the “*rejoice with those who rejoice*” times...

BUT... There have also been the “*weep with those who weep*” moments...

Q. – What do you do? How do you react/respond?

- YOU W_____!
- YOU REMEMBER C_____ and the C_____
- YOU COME TOGETHER AND YOU PRAY!
- YOU LIVE EACH DAY WITH P_____ AND P_____

Q. – What is it that allows us to maintain the conviction that “*God is Good, All the Time; All the Time, God is Good*”? **A.** = *It is because Jesus lives so that we can face tomorrow. *It is because Jesus lives that all fear is gone. *It is because Jesus holds the future in His hands that we may face death calmly. *It is because Jesus lives that we will live also (John 14:19).

(From *The Hand of God* by Alistair Begg, p.200).

AND....others will notice and draw near and want to know why? How?