

III. PETER BECAME THE ANSWER TO CORNELIUS' PRAYER

“And he told us how he had seen an angel standing in his house, who said to him, ‘Send men to Joppa, and call for Simon whose surname is Peter, who will tell you words by which you and all your household will be saved.’” Acts 11:13-14

A. Peter obeyed God and went to Cornelius.

“21 Then Peter went down to the men who had been sent to him from Cornelius, and said, ‘Yes, I am he whom you seek. For what reason have you come?’”

22 And they said, ‘Cornelius the centurion, a just man, one who fears God and has a good reputation among all the nation of the Jews, was divinely instructed by a holy angel to summon you to his house, and to hear words from you.’”

23 Then he invited them in and lodged them.

On the next day Peter went away with them, and some brethren from Joppa accompanied him.” Acts 10:21-23

B. Peter preached the Gospel to Cornelius and he got saved.

“39 And we are witnesses of all things which He did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem, whom they killed by hanging on a tree.

40 Him God raised up on the third day, and showed Him openly,

41 not to all the people, but to witnesses chosen before by God, even to us who ate and drank with Him after He arose from the dead.

42 And He commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify that it is He who was ordained by God to be Judge of the living and the dead.

43 To Him all the prophets witness that, through His name, whoever believes in Him will receive remission of sins.” Acts 10:39-43

REACH OUT TO BE THE ANSWER TO SOMEONE'S PRAYER

“and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.” Luke 24:47

REACHING OUT Neighbors & Nations Be The Answer To Someone's Prayer Pastor Al Doomy

INTRODUCTION

A. What is our Global Missions Focus?

Mission: Making sure that everyone in the world hears the Gospel of Jesus Christ correctly and planting New Testament churches among those who believe.

“23 So when they had appointed elders in every church, and prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord in whom they had believed.

24 And after they had passed through Pisidia, they came to Pamphylia.

25 Now when they had preached the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia.

26 From there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work which they had completed.

27 Now when they had come and gathered the church together, they reported all that God had done with them, and that He had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles.” Acts 14:23-27

B. Our 2022 theme is “Reaching Out To Neighbors & Nations”.

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Luke 24:47

C. God has called us to reach those near us and those far away.

In Reaching Out To Neighbors & Nations, we will be challenged to reach out both locally and globally. This six part series features the following messages:

July 10	Reach Out Globally, Start Locally
July 17	Be A Disciple, Make Disciples
July 24	Send Missionaries Forward On Their Journey!
TODAY	Be The Answer To Someone's Prayer
Aug 7	Heads Up, Eyes Open
Aug 14	C.H.U.R.C.H. 7 Days Per Week

D. Text: Acts 10:1-8

HOW TO BE THE ANSWER TO SOMEONE'S PRAYER

I. GOD IS PREPARING PEOPLE TO HEAR THE TRUTH

"... So he said to him, "Your prayers and your alms have come up for a memorial before God." Acts 10:4b

God prepared Cornelius to hear the truth:

A. Cornelius was a respected Roman soldier.

"There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of what was called the Italian Regiment,"
Acts 10:1

B. Cornelius was a devout religious person (but not a believer).

"a devout man and one who feared God with all his household, who gave alms generously to the people, and prayed to God always." Acts 10:2

C. Cornelius, like all unbelievers, was missing something.

God was about to tell him what it was.

"5 Now send men to Joppa, and send for Simon whose surname is Peter."

6 He is lodging with Simon, a tanner, whose house is by the sea. He will tell you what you must do." Acts 10:5-6

"32 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."

33 So I sent to you immediately, and you have done well to come. Now therefore, we are all present before God, to hear all the things commanded you by God." Acts 10:32-33

II. GOD IS LOOKING FOR PEOPLE TO HELP ANSWER SOMEONE'S PRAYERS

*"30 So 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,
31 and said, 'Cornelius, your prayer has been heard, and your alms are remembered in the sight of God.'"*

Acts 10:30-31

God prepared Peter to share the truth with Cornelius:

A. God had to prepare Peter by dealing with the prejudice barrier between the Jews and Gentiles.

'9 The next day, as they went on their journey and drew near the city, Peter went up on the housetop to pray, about the sixth hour.

10 Then he became very hungry and wanted to eat; but while they made ready, he fell into a trance

11 and saw heaven opened and an object like a great sheet bound at the four corners, descending to him and let down to the earth.

12 In it were all kinds of four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, creeping things, and birds of the air.

13 And a voice came to him, "Rise, Peter; kill and eat.

14 But Peter said, "Not so, Lord! For I have never eaten anything common or unclean."

15 And a voice spoke to him again the second time, "What God has cleansed you must not call common." Acts 10:9-15

B. God has to prepare Peter by helping him have courage to go where he was uncomfortable (the home of a Roman soldier).

"28 Then he said to them, "You know how unlawful it is for a Jewish man to keep company with or go to one of another nation. But God has shown me that I should not call any man common or unclean.

29 Therefore I came without objection as soon as I was sent for. I ask, then, for what reason have you sent for me?"

Acts 10:28-29