


Open Your Eyes


I. Open your eyes to the people you _____.

So Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality ..." v. 34

_____ **ONE PERSON YOU'VE BEEN OVERLOOKING.** 

II. Open your eyes to God's _____ work.

"So I sent for you at once, and you have been kind enough to come. Now therefore we are all here in the presence of God to hear all that you have been commanded by the Lord." v. 33

_____ **FOR WHERE GOD IS ALREADY WORKING.** 

III. Open your eyes to the only Savior for _____.

"To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name." v. 43

_____ **CLEARLY OF JESUS WHEN GOD OPENS THE DOOR.** 

HOME GROUP

Lesson + Devotional

Before you begin, ask the Holy Spirit to teach you and guide your study.

1. Read Acts chapter 10. How did Cornelius show that he feared God and did what was right? (See v. 35; see also vv. 1-8 and 30-33.)
2. If Cornelius already feared God and did right, then why did he need Jesus?
3. Peter said God was willing to accept all those "who fear him and do what is right" (10:35). Did this mean that Cornelius' good deeds had earned him salvation? Why or why not, in light of the whole context of the story (especially vv. 22, 33, 43-48)?
4. How did God prepare Peter to take the gospel to Cornelius? Why was this preparation necessary?
5. God prepares both sides of an encounter behind the scenes to prepare and change us before the gospel is shared. How does this knowledge give you confidence in speaking to others about Jesus?
6. Peter's speech to this Gentile household differed in several ways from what he said to Jewish audiences. What key points did he make in this instance (vv. 36-43)?
7. Why was each aspect of Peter's sermon important for the Gentiles to grasp if they were to have a good understanding of Jesus?
8. Did the sermon bring to mind any people you had overlooked before? What can you use from Peter's message in this chapter to share the gospel with them?

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HELPFUL Quotes

Before He could save the Gentiles, God had to prepare Peter to bring the message and Cornelius to hear the message. Salvation is a divine work of grace, but God works through human channels. Angels can deliver God's messages to lost men, but they cannot preach the gospel to them. That is our privilege—and responsibility. - Warren Wiersbe

By sending His Spirit upon the new Gentile believers—ignorant and uncircumcised though they were—and giving them power identical to that of the first Christians at Pentecost, God sent a clear message to all who witnessed the event: *Salvation is by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone.* Nothing other than complete, authentic belief is required. Knowledge of the Law is good, but not necessary. Circumcision is good, but not required. Biblical and theological knowledge is good, but not essential. Only trusting in Christ brings forgiveness of sins. - Charles Swindoll

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A WONDERFUL Offer

Being a Christian isn't based on membership in a local church or keeping a set of rules. It involves a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and an understanding of who He is and what He has done to provide man with a way to experience God's love for us. Here's how to know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior:

1. Admit that you're a sinner, separated from a holy and perfect God.
(Romans 3:23; Isaiah 53:6)
2. Understand that the penalty for your sin is death – eternal separation from God and all that is good.
(Romans 6:23; Hebrews 9:27)
3. Believe that Jesus Christ took the penalty for your sin by dying in your place and conquered death by rising from the dead.
(Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21)
4. Receive the free gift of salvation by trusting in Christ alone as your Savior from sin and death and your provider of true and eternal life.
(Romans 4:4-5; Ephesians 2:8-9)

You can use this prayer to express your decision to God:

Dear God, I know that I am a sinner. I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for me and rose from the dead. I trust in him alone as the only way to be reconciled to you. Thank you for the forgiveness of sins and the eternal life I now have. Amen.



We'd love to know about your decision. Scan the QR code to learn more about following Jesus!