

A Gospel Meeting

Introduction

1. **The time for our gospel meeting is upon us.**
2. **A gospel meeting is one of the church's greatest assets:**
 - A. **The "gospel" (the word of God) is the greatest message man can receive.**
 - B. **It is truly "good news!"**
 - C. **It's God's power to save souls from eternal damnation.**

Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

- 1) **The book of Acts is filled with souls being saved as a result of this power!**

3. **The gospel is an enduring message to all.**

1 Peter 1:24-25 because "All flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, and its flower falls away, But the word of the Lord endures forever." Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you.

4. **Those that do not obey this gospel will suffer an eternal destruction!**

2 Thessalonians 1:7-9

- A. **That is why the gospel is so important for one to hear. Let us look at Cornelius' situation in Acts 10:**

Cornelius

1. **Cornelius sends for a preacher - one that God recommends.**
Acts 10:24-35
2. **God had a reason for sending Peter.**
 - A. **So Peter could truly understand that the gospel was not for the Jews only but for all mankind (vs 34).**
3. **Before Peter's arrival Cornelius got things ready and then gathered all his household and friends together to listen to Peter's message.**

Acts 10:24 ...and had called together his relatives and close friends.

Acts 10:33 ...we are all present before God

What We Can Learn from Cornelius?

1. **Cornelius sent for a preacher to hear the good news of salvation.**
 - A. **We have sent for a preacher - one that I believe that God would also recommend.**
 - B. **A man who's qualifications are soundness, spirituality, and ability.**

Ezra 7:10 For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the Law of the LORD, and to do it, and to teach statutes and ordinances in Israel.

Ephesians 4:15 but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head-- Christ--

2. **Peter came prepared to preach the word of God.**
 - A. **Brother _____ will be prepared to preach God's word to us.**
3. **Cornelius got things ready for Peter's arrival to include gathering his relatives and friends.**
 - A. **Are we going to be as ready when the meeting begins a week from today?**
 - 1) **Are we planning to be at each and every meeting with the enthusiasm as Cornelius showed?**
 - 2) **Are we working now to invite someone to come with us to the meeting?**

Acts 10:33 ...Now therefore, we are all present before God, to hear all the things commanded you by God.

What a Gospel Meeting Can do

1. **Can create faith in those that have never heard the gospel.**
Romans 10:13-17
 - A. **The preaching of the gospel also builds and strengthens the faith of Christians!**
2. **Can save souls that may not have been won otherwise.**
 - A. **The gospel is the power of salvation to save souls!**
Mark 16:16
 - B. **Our primary purpose of having a gospel meeting is to win the lost to Christ.**

C. This is done by teaching the truth about salvation.

John 8:32 "And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

D. It is this truth that teaches us how we should live our lives.

Titus 2:11-12

3. Can allow us to keep what we've got.

A. The gospel is preached to strengthen all Christians.

Acts 20:32 So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

B. The meeting is needed to create "ENTHUSIASM" among members of the local body.

1) One stick of wood will not make a big fire; but many would. We all need to be here to get a big fire.

2) "Enthusiasm" is needed on any endeavor that we pursue.

C. The meeting is needed so we can take "inventory" of ourselves.

2 Corinthians 13:5 Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?-- unless indeed you are disqualified (fail the test -NASB).

D. A meeting can help revive those that have drifted into apathy.

2 Peter 1:12-13

Galatians 5:7 You ran well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth?

What Can We Do To Make This Gospel Meeting A Success?

1. Pray - Don't leave God out of God's work.

A. We are all workers together with Him.

2 Corinthians 6:1 We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain.

2. Be present at all the services.

Hebrews 10:23-25 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

3. Invite others.

A. The only way one can hear the good news is if they are here. Let's be like Cornelius and invite our friends to hear the gospel.

B. God can't give any increase if the seeds aren't planted.

1 Corinthians 3:6 I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase.

4. Sing with the spirit and the understanding (Colossians 3:16; Ephesians 5:19).

5. Be friendly to visitors and ensure that each one receives a visitor packet and that we get their names and addresses for future follow-up.

A. This must be a priority for us – GREET and GET

6. Speak words of encouragement to all. Let others see your light shining - What a difference this will make!

A. Others could see Cornelius' light shining!

Matthew 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

7. Come prepared to study and learn from God's word.

