

# Five Ingredients for a Good Gospel Meeting

Acts 10:17-33

## Introduction:

- A. The day of Pentecost and this day were two great days for the church.
- B. The meeting at Cornelius' house was great.
  - 1. It produced the first Gentile Christians.
  - 2. It contains *five ingredients for a good gospel meeting*.

## Discussion:

### II. Good Preaching.

- A. Cornelius arranged for good preaching — Peter (vv. 17-18; 11:13).
- B. Good preaching puts focus in right place (11:14).
- C. Good preaching has threefold purpose:
  - 1. Save the lost.
    - a. Alien sinners (Mk. 16:15, 16).
    - b. Fallen Christians (Jas. 5:19, 20).
  - 2. Strengthen the saved (2 Tim. 4:2-4).
  - 3. Discharge responsibility (Acts 20:20, 26, 27).
- D. “Good preacher” and “good speaker” may not be the same (I Cor. 1:4-5)

### III. Fervent Prayer.

- A. This meeting was a result of fervent prayer (v. 2, 31).
- B. All gospel meetings need much praying.
  - 1. For the speaker — his preaching and well-being (2 Thess. 3:1, 2; Eph. 6:10)  
Pray that he speak as he ought rather criticizing and apologizing when he does.
  - 2. For the lost (Rom. 10:1)

### IV. Receptive Audience.

- A. Cornelius prepared a receptive audience for Peter (vv. 24, 27, 33).
- B. Good preaching and fervent prayers means little without a receptive audience.
- C. Look who was included in this audience.
  - 1. The one who arranged the meeting — Cornelius.
  - 2. The friends and relatives called together by Cornelius.
  - 3. “Many who had come together”.

### V. Sincere Hospitality.

- A. Hospitality surrounded meeting.
  - 1. Simon extended hospitality to Peter (v. 32).
  - 2. Peter extended hospitality to messengers (v. 23).
  - 3. Cornelius' family extend hospitality to Peter (v. 48)
- B. Hospitality enhances any gospel meeting.
  - 1. A cordial reception at the services.
  - 2. Invitations into homes — more than just needs met, but great association.

### VI. Magnification of God.

- A. God and not man magnified at Cornelius' house (vv. 25, 26, 46).
- B. Too much focus on the man, too little this message.
  - 1. Not so much his education and training, but source of his message (Acts 4:13).
  - 2. Not so much his delivery, but what he delivers (cf. 2 Cor. 10:10).
- C. Remember it is God who gives the increase (1 Cor. 3:7, 9).

## Conclusion:

- A. A good meeting requires *extra* effort.
- B. A good meeting requires *combined* effort.

