



CORNELIUS: DRAWN TO SEEK GOD

ACTS 10:1-8

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1. See _____ (vv.1-2)

2. Value _____ (vv.2b, 7-8)

3. Praise _____ (vv.3-6)

Acts 10:1 At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion of what was known as the Italian Cohort, **2** a devout man who feared God with all his household, gave alms generously to the people, and prayed continually to God. **3** About the ninth hour of the day he saw clearly in a vision an angel of God come in and say to him, "Cornelius." **4** And he stared at him in terror and said, "What is it, Lord?" And he said to him, "Your prayers and your alms have ascended as a memorial before God. **5** And now send men to Joppa and bring one Simon who is called Peter. **6** He is lodging with one Simon, a tanner, whose house is by the sea." **7** When the angel who spoke to him had departed, he called two of his servants and a devout soldier from among those who attended him, **8** and having related everything to them, he sent them to Joppa. (ESV)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others. For more information about small groups at Compass Bible Church that utilize these questions as the basis for their weekly discussion, please call the church office at (949) 540-0699 or email us at SmallGroups@CompassChurch.org.

1. Read **Acts 9:1-4** and **Acts 10:1-2**. Here are the two contrasting pre-Christian experiences of Paul and Cornelius. One fought Christ up until being confronted with the gospel, and the other had a long period of being drawn to an increasingly accurate view of God, then heard the gospel. Which was more like your experience and in what way?
2. Read **Luke 9:57-62** and **John 6:26-29**. Though Cornelius' pre-Christian experience was impressive, everyone's move toward Christ and the gospel is characterized by varying degrees of selfishness. What were some of the bad motives that you now see looking back on your early days of being drawn to repentance and faith?
3. Read **Romans 10:9-18**. What are your thoughts in response to pondering the fact that God uses your mouth to relay clarifying truths about who he is, what the gospel means, and what people's motives ought to be when calling on him?
4. Read **2 Corinthians 4:1-6**. What are some of the ways Christians tragically "tamper with the word of God" or in any other way fail to relay an "open statement of the truth" to those whom God puts in their lives who are being drawn to him?
5. Read **Acts 10:34-36; 13:16** and **13:26**. God had prepared Cornelius and several others for the saving message of the gospel by graciously instilling in them a proper fear of God. What circumstances might be cultivating this proper fear in some of the non-Christians you know? What will you do in response?

This Week's Bible Reading Schedule

September 12th
Prov. 21-22 & 2Cor. 4

September 13th
Prov. 23-24 & 2Cor. 5

September 14th
Prov. 25-27 & 2Cor. 6

September 15th
Prov. 28-29 & 2Cor. 7

September 16th
Prov. 30-31 & 2Cor. 8

September 17th
Ecc. 1-3 & 2Cor. 9

September 18th
Ecc. 4-6 & 2Cor. 10

September 19th
Ecc. 7-9 & 2Cor. 11:1-15

The following related sermons are also available for downloading or streaming on the Focal Point Website and App (FPR.org).

Msg. 15-54 – **The Salvation Experience**

Msg. 14-55 – **Sin and the Fall**

Msg. 19-29 – **Praying for Progress**

Msg. 16-31 – **Rediscovering the Joy of Evangelism**

Msg. 20-06 – **Unashamed of God's One Way**

Msg. 08-13 – **Getting Honest About Myself**

Msg. 10-22 – 10-25 – **God's Work in Evangelism** (a four-part series)

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Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

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Nash, Ronald. **Is Jesus the Only Savior?** Zondervan, 1994.

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Schreiner, Thomas & Bruce Ware. **Still Sovereign: Perspectives on Election, Foreknowledge & Grace**. Baker, 2000.

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Vickers, Brian. **Justification by Grace Through Faith**. P & R Publishing, 2013.