

Title: Growing God’s Church in a Changing World
A STUDY IN THE BOOK OF ACTS

LESSON 3	The Church Making Salvation Known
Scripture Reference	ACTS 10

Objective	For Church Members to explain salvation, to persons who are unsaved when the situation presents itself.
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Introduction	<p>Questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When was the last time you explained salvation to someone? 2. When was the last time you lead someone to Christ? <p>PRAYER: Lord we ask right now in your name that would give us opportunities to explain and lead someone to You, in Jesus’ name.</p>
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Lesson Focus	Explaining Salvation
Scripture Reference	Acts 1:5-8

Case Scenario	Acts 10 is about the gospel being advanced to the Gentiles.
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Review Acts 1:8

This chapter explains how the Gentiles received salvation:

- a. Acts 2 - The door of salvation had been opened to the Jews.
- b. Acts 8 – The door of salvation had been opened to the Samaritans.
- c. Acts 10 – Now the gospel is being brought to the Gentiles.

Remember the Great Commission (Mt. 28:19-20) instructed disciples of Jesus to go and teach.

SCENARIO: Imagination you have been invited to someone's backyard cookout to speak about Jesus, what would you say, how would you approach the moment?

Let's Prepare

Background Acts 10 – The Apostle Peter has been invited to share the Gospel

Acts 10:1 -2 Cornelius, a man who lived in Caesarea, who feared God and

- **Acts 10:2** He helped meet the needs of Jewish people.
- **Acts 10:2** He prayed to God continually.
- **Acts 10:22** Cornelius was a righteous man, but he was not saved.

Acts 10:3-4 – Received a vision from God to send for Peter.

- Why Peter and not another servant of Jesus? Jesus gave Peter the keys to the Kingdom, to bind and loose, in Matthew 16:19

Acts 10:14 – The Lord had to prepare Peter for this assignment. God used food to help Peter understand that the Gentiles were not unclean.

Acts 10:20 – The Spirit prompted Peter to go with the men whom Cornelius had sent.

QUESTION: What is the difference between Cornelius and religious people today?

Acts 10:23-24 – Cornelius called together his relatives and close friends to hear the gospel

Remember, Salvation is the divine work of grace to bring men to a place to accept Jesus' death on the cross.

It is a privilege to share the gospel with someone who does not know the truth of Jesus.

Practical Application

Let's walk through Peter's opportunity to share the gospel:

Read Romans 10:13 & 17 - A person does not come to faith in Jesus without the Word.

Read Acts 10:34-44 and note Peter's explanation of salvation.

1. **Acts 10:29** - When given an opportunity, ask people what is that they want to know and or allow people to explain to you their concerns about Jesus, Salvation, Christianity. Just as Philip did with the Ethiopian – Acts 8: 30.
2. **Vs. 34 -35** – What does Peter mean, “God is not one to show partiality.” If you were sharing the gospel, how would you explain this point:

Scripture References: Romans 2:11, Romans 3:22-23; Romans 10:1-13;
Acts 4:10

3. **Vs. 36 -37** – What does Peter mean, Jesus: “He is Lord of all.”
Scripture Reference: Acts 2:36, Romans 10:12

How would you explain, Jesus is Lord over all:

4. **Vs. 38** – Peter explains aspects of Jesus:
 - a. Jesus of Nazareth – Acts 2:22
 - b. How God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit – Acts 4:26
 - c. Went about doing good and healing - Mt. 4:23
 - d. God was with Him – John 3:2

What specific points would you explain about Jesus:

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____

5. Vs. 39 Peter explains that he was a witness to the ministry of Jesus

Explain one point of how Jesus has impacted your life: (Be Specific)

6. Vs. 40 Peter explains the Death Burial and Resurrection of Christ

Scripture References: Acts 3:15, 4:10, 7:52

Explain what you would say about the Death, Burial and Resurrection of Jesus Christ:

7. Vs. 43 Peter offers salvation and the good news, Acts 2:21,

This is a good time to review the Romans Road:

- Romans 1: __
- Romans __: __
- Romans __: 23
- Romans 5: __
- Romans 2:4
- Romans __: 9
- Romans 10: __

Conclusion

Peter explains salvation to Cornelius and his friends. Summarize what was the results of the explanation of the salvation of Jesus Christ: Acts 10:44-48
