



**Atmosphere of
Evangelism (Kingdom)2**

- **So, what about Evangelism**
- **What about the Great Commission?**
- **Discourse, Dilemma and Divide – Evangelicalism**
- **Jesus and the Harvest**

- **Praying!!!**

- For myself – I want to love what Jesus loves!
- For Kalida Family **Outreach** Center
- For those you know who need Christ!
- For the prodigals!

Discussions about evangelism – What are we to think

- Rick Warren, Taking God Seriously
 - There are two basic reasons people don't know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior:
 - (1) they have never met a Christian;
 - (2) they have met a Christian. Christian influence is no small matter.
- The Book of Acts (Acts of the Apostles) was very focused on the Power of the Holy Spirit and accomplishing the purposes of the Lord!
- Tool for studying the scriptures:
 - Read each chapter in light of the 5W's and H.
 - What happens in the chapter?
 - Where and when did it happen?
 - Who is involved or affected?
 - What is the result?
 - How does it happen (how are things done or said)?
 - Mark each reference to the Holy Spirit and then list what you learn about the Holy Spirit, his ministry, and the results. If a message is proclaimed in this chapter you may want to write the main points of the message and the effect of the message on those who hear it.

- **Acts 2:41** Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all. NLT
- **Acts 4:4** But many of the people who heard their message believed it, so the number of believers now totaled about 5,000 men, not counting women and children. NLT
- **Acts 5:14** Yet more and more people believed and were brought to the Lord—crowds of both men and women. NLT
- **Acts 6:1** But as the believers rapidly multiplied, there were rumblings of discontent. NLT
- **Acts 8:12-13** But now the people believed Philip's message of Good News concerning the Kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ. As a result, many men and women were baptized. NLT

Acts 8:26-40 As for Philip, an angel of the Lord said to him, "Go south down the desert road that runs from Jerusalem to Gaza." 27 So he started out, and he met the treasurer of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under the Kandake, the queen of Ethiopia. The eunuch had gone to Jerusalem to worship, 28 and he was now returning. Seated in his carriage, he was reading aloud from the book of the prophet Isaiah. 29 The Holy Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and walk along beside the carriage." 30 Philip ran over and heard the man reading from the prophet Isaiah. Philip asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" 31 The man replied, "How can I, unless someone instructs me?" And he urged Philip to come up into the carriage and sit with him. 32 The passage of Scripture he had been reading was this:

"He was led like a sheep to the slaughter.

And as a lamb is silent before the shearers,
he did not open his mouth.

33 He was humiliated and received no justice.

Who can speak of his descendants?

For his life was taken from the earth."

34 The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, was the prophet talking about himself or someone else?"

35 So beginning with this same Scripture, Philip told him the Good News about Jesus.

36 As they rode along, they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "Look! There's some water! Why can't I be baptized?" 38 He ordered the carriage to stop, and they went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. 39 When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away. The eunuch never saw him again but went on his way rejoicing. 40 Meanwhile, Philip found himself farther north at the town of Azotus. NLT

Acts 9:31 The church then had peace throughout Judea, Galilee, and Samaria, and it became stronger as the believers lived in the fear of the Lord. And with the encouragement of the Holy Spirit, it also grew in numbers. NLT

Acts 10 - Cornelius and Peter

Acts 11:24 Barnabas was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and strong in faith. And many people were brought to the Lord. NLT

Acts 16:14 One of them was Lydia from Thyatira, a merchant of expensive purple cloth, who worshiped God. As she listened to us, the Lord opened her heart, and she accepted what Paul was saying. NLT

Acts 16:29-30 The jailer called for lights and ran to the dungeon and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. 30 Then he brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

GOD PREPARES THE HEART

- **Acts 10:1-8** In Caesarea there lived a Roman army officer named Cornelius, who was a captain of the Italian Regiment. 2 He was a devout, God-fearing man, as was everyone in his household. He gave generously to the poor and prayed regularly to God. 3 One afternoon about three o'clock, he had a vision in which he saw an angel of God coming toward him. "Cornelius!" the angel said. 4 Cornelius stared at him in terror. "What is it, sir?" he asked the angel. And the angel replied, "Your prayers and gifts to the poor have been received by God as an offering! 5 Now send some men to Joppa, and summon a man named Simon Peter. 6 He is staying with Simon, a tanner who lives near the seashore." 7 As soon as the angel was gone, Cornelius called two of his household servants and a devout soldier, one of his personal attendants. 8 He told them what had happened and sent them off to Joppa. NLT
- **We must know and believe that God goes before us preparing the hearts of the lost for the gospel.**

At the same time God is preparing the heart the lost to accept the gospel He is preparing the heart of Peter to present the Gospel:

- **Acts 10:9-23** The next day as Cornelius's messengers were nearing the town, Peter went up on the flat roof to pray. It was about noon, 10 and he was hungry. But while a meal was being prepared, he fell into a trance. 11 He saw the sky open, and something like a large sheet was let down by its four corners. 12 In the sheet were all sorts of animals, reptiles, and birds. 13 Then a voice said to him, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat them." 14 "No, Lord," Peter declared. "I have never eaten anything that our Jewish laws have declared impure and unclean." 15 But the voice spoke again: "Do not call something unclean if God has made it clean." 16 The same vision was repeated three times. Then the sheet was suddenly pulled up to heaven. 17 Peter was very perplexed. What could the vision mean? Just then the men sent by Cornelius found Simon's house. Standing outside the gate, 18 they asked if a man named Simon Peter was staying there. 19 Meanwhile, as Peter was puzzling over the vision, the Holy Spirit said to him, "Three men have come looking for you. 20 Get up, go downstairs, and go with them without hesitation. Don't worry, for I have sent them." 21 So Peter went down and said, "I'm the man you are looking for. Why have you come?" 22 They said, "We were sent by Cornelius, a Roman officer. He is a devout and God-fearing man, well respected by all the Jews. A holy angel instructed him to summon you to his house so that he can hear your message." 23 So Peter invited the men to stay for the night. The next day he went with them, accompanied by some of the brothers from Joppa. NLT

- God uses the one who is already doing what he knows to do, in this case praying!
- If we are going to spread the gospel will need to pray.
- Its during this time we will hear from God and we need to be listening.

Obedience to the Lord's Leading

- Cornelius was obedient to the angel
- **Acts 10:23-33** So Peter invited the men to stay for the night. The next day he went with them, accompanied by some of the brothers from Joppa. 24 They arrived in Caesarea the following day. Cornelius was waiting for them and had called together his relatives and close friends. 25 As Peter entered his home, Cornelius fell at his feet and worshiped him. 26 But Peter pulled him up and said, "Stand up! I'm a human being just like you!" 27 So they talked together and went inside, where many others were assembled.

- 28 Peter told them, "You know it is against our laws for a Jewish man to enter a Gentile home like this or to associate with you. But God has shown me that I should no longer think of anyone as impure or unclean. 29 So I came without objection as soon as I was sent for. Now tell me why you sent for me." 30 Cornelius replied, "Four days ago I was praying in my house about this same time, three o'clock in the afternoon. Suddenly, a man in dazzling clothes was standing in front of me. 31 He told me, 'Cornelius, your prayer has been heard, and your gifts to the poor have been noticed by God! 32 Now send messengers to Joppa, and summon a man named Simon Peter. He is staying in the home of Simon, a tanner who lives near the seashore.' 33 So I sent for you at once, and it was good of you to come. Now we are all here, waiting before God to hear the message the Lord has given you." NLT

- Obedience was expressed in going where the Lord told him to go

- Obedience and humility

- Challenges of Obedience

- **Green and Red Apples**

