

4Ws Be The Church: The Keys To The Kingdom | Acts 10:1-48

WORSHIP

Consider reading **Psalm 123 & 124** together, taking turns reading a verse a time, or reading responsively with the leader reading a verse and the group responding with the next verse.

Consider singing some of the songs on the sheets that were included in your packet if you have someone in the group that plays the guitar or can lead music and/or play the guitar.

WELCOME

Questions.

Have you or someone you know been excluded from participating in something because of age, race or gender? What happened and how did it affect you?

WORD

Discussion Questions.

1. Acts 10 is a monumental event in the life of Jews and Gentiles as we see the beginning of the the fulfilment of the Lord's prophecies in marrying both people group into one family. How is this relevant today given our exposure to different ethnic groups where you live in. What are the challenges that you face that inhibits you to take part in sharing the gospel to them? What can you do to overcome this challenges and in turn be able to fulfil God's purpose through witnessing?
2. What can we learn from the life of Cornelius and Peter on the way they respond to the Spirit's leading? Compare their individual response and action with the Lord's instructions.
3. Discuss how the Lord has prepared Apostle Peter and the rest of the Jewish people prior to his meeting with Cornelius. Have you had a similar experience on how God has prepared you for a certain task or event that happened in your life? Share with the group. to his meeting with Cornelius. Have you had a similar experience on how God has prepared you for a certain task or event that happened in your life? Share with the group.

4. Matthew 16:19 tells us about the privilege that was given by Jesus Christ to Peter, on how he will be the one to unlock the gospel to all the people groups. What does this tell us about that same privilege that was given to us in Matthew 28:16-20?
5. What exactly is the keys to the kingdom? What should a Christian should do to effectively witness the keys to other people?
6. Read Charles Spurgeon's quote: "...He calls an individual, and then uses him to be a sort of spiritual decoy to bring the rest of the family into the gospel net." In light of this, what do you think is the significance of Cornelius and his household here in this chapter? What challenges do you face in witnessing to your family for them to know Christ? Close and pray for one another.

WORK

Peter opened the door of the Kingdom of God to the Gentiles. Now, for the first time in history it was possible to become part of God's Kingdom without first becoming a Jew. That means that it's possible to become part of God's Kingdom in as little as a few minutes instead of over the course of several months of becoming a Jew. All of that means that any single conversation with someone who has not yet believed could end with that person becoming a child of God and a member of His Kingdom. The only way to see that happen is to start having those conversations with people who have not yet believed.

Those of us who lead should remember that there is no better way to motivate others to do the right thing than to set an example for them. Speak to others about Jesus when you have the opportunity and set an example of lifestyle evangelism for the members of your group. They will be much more likely to follow your example than they will be to simply do what you tell them to do. Ask the group to discuss this and then ask them to think through the list of people you have been praying for each week. Discuss how we can be more aggressively involved in sharing the good news with these folks for whom God has burdened us. We will pray for these people tonight and each night we're together until they come to Small Group, or come to Christ through some other means. Have each couple/individual share the name of one couple/person to pray for and then ask one of the other people in the group to pray for them.

WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

I. Thanksgiving

- Worship God for who He is, what He has done, and what He will do in our lives

II. Country and the World

- Repentance and Salvation

III. Church

- That CCF Singapore Members would honor and love God and make disciples
- Core, Pastors, Leaders, and Families
- Ministries and Churches worldwide

IV. CCF Singapore Facilities

- CCF Singapore Center
- Equipments

V. Personal Concerns

- Deeper intimate relationship with God
- Righteous living
- Salvation of family and friends

Close your time together in prayer.