

Ashland Church of Christ 2007
Spreading the Good News

“GO THEREFORE AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS...” (MATTHEW 28:10)

**Living Outside the Comfort Zone — Work
Developing a Habit of Evangelism**

Text: Acts 10:34-43

Key Text *Acts 10:38, “...God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.”*

Introduction:

- 1) Peter can certainly be praised for a lot of things that he has done:
 - a) The sermon in Acts 2.
 - b) Arrest in Acts 4.
- 2) Yet, as we will see from our text, Peter had some things to learn, namely that the gospel is for all.
 - I. Do what comes natural after you have received good news.
 - A. What would we do if we found out a way to get \$1000 for doing relatively nothing?
 - B. Yet, we understand the bondage of sin and the freedom we have in Christ and sometimes are afraid to talk about it.
 - C. It just seems natural to tell about good things going on (see verse 38).

- D. Therefore, it is essential that we never lose our zeal.
 - 1. Remember the consequences of sin (Romans 6:23).
 - 2. Remember the joy of being baptized (Acts 16:34).
 - 3. Remember the freedom that we have in Christ (Acts 16:18).
 - 4. Remember the sacrifice of Christ that makes it all possible (Acts 8:39).
 - 5. Remember that He commands us to talk about it (Matthew 28:18-20).
 - E. Determine now to treat it like the good news that it is.
- II. Do what Jesus commanded us to do.
- A. We already saw Matthew 18:18-20.
 - B. Yet, the text also tells of the command (Acts 10:42).
 - C. And we know that we will all give an account of our lives on the Day of Judgment (1Peter 4:5).
 - 1. This will include whether or not we obeyed God's commands.
 - 2. Besides, our faith needs to be active (James 2:26).
 - D. The example of the first century church in the book of Acts is of a church that is looking to God for guidance.
 - 1. They are not looking to their own feelings.
 - 2. Nor are they looking at what will make them grow.
 - 3. They are growing because they are looking to God.
 - E. The way that we do what Jesus commanded to be done is by looking to Jesus as the pattern for our lives.
- III. See the world like Jesus wants us to see it.
- A. Be like Jesus (Philippians 2:5).
 - B. Think like Jesus thinks — spiritually (see Luke 10:38-42 and Romans 12:1-2).
 - C. See what Jesus sees — the lost (Luke 19:10).
 - D. Live like Jesus lived — righteously (1Peter 3:21).
 - E. Look at the world through the eyes of God.