

FAITH BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

UPDATE



PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

ACTS 10 – THE LORD'S PREPARATORY WORK IN EVANGELISM

One chapter after the incredible conversion of the famous apostle Paul comes another dramatic conversion. This time it is a conversion in the ministry work of the apostle Peter. And in the midst of this dramatic ministry conversion, we witness the Lord's magnificent preparatory work in the process of evangelism.

At the beginning of Acts 10, we are introduced to a man named Cornelius who seemed to be very close to the Lord externally, yet had not been introduced to the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ.

As we look at the Lord's work in Cornelius, as well as His prodding of Peter, we witness the incredible preparatory work of God in evangelism. First, the Lord is preparing Cornelius and his Gentile household to receive the message of the Good News from Peter. And second, He is slowly preparing Peter to no longer be just an evangelist to Jews, but also to Gentiles. And the amazing thing about this foundational work of Peter is that the Lord slowly chips away at his prejudices. First, Peter stays with Simon the tanner, a Gentile who worked with dead animals, unclean in Peter's eyes. Then the Lord invites Peter, in a vision, to change his diet, welcoming him to eat unclean animals. Then in verse 23, Peter invites the three Gentile men, who were sent by Cornelius, into his (Simon's) home. The Lord was slowly peeling away the many prejudices and fears of Peter.

Is the Lord not so patient with you and me as well? We fear evangelism for various reasons, yet the Lord is so patient with us, seeking to help us overcome our fears. The Lord worked with Peter to prepare him to bring the message of the Good News to a Gentile people so they might be welcomed into the family of God. The Lord likewise works in us in that He wishes to use us.

Not only does the Lord prepare us for a time of sharing the Good News; He

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FAITH:

Wednesday 5/1:
Meet Me at the Park,
Lampeter – 10am

Saturday 5/4:
Ladies Spring
Breakfast, Four
Seasons Golf Course
– 9am

Awana Banquet, ST –
6pm

Sunday 5/12:
Mother's Day

Tuesday 5/14:
The Well, Women's
Gathering, ST – 6pm

Wednesday 5/15:
Meet Me at the Park,
Charlestown – 10am

Saturday 5/18:
Ladies Craft Day –
9am

Monday 5/27:
Memorial Day

Wednesday 5/29:
Meet Me at the Park,
Manheim Township
– 10am

Strive Senior Night –
7pm

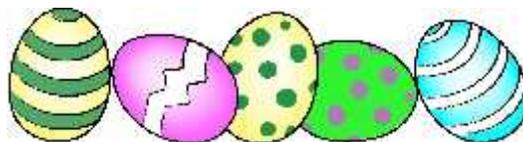
also prepares those who will hear and accept it. Just as Cornelius and His family were prepared to receive the message of the Gospel, so too the Lord prepares the hearts of those to whom you will bring the Gospel. If they reject it, they have not been prepared. Rest assured that those who will receive the saving message of Christ have likewise been prepared by Him to do so.

-Pastor Nate Miller

EVENTS AT FAITH

EASTER EGG SCRAMBLE

The annual Easter Egg Scramble was held on Saturday, April 13th at 10am in the Family Life Center. Many children were in attendance and heard the story of Christ's death, burial and resurrection by Jacque Hess, then were lead in some singing by Pastor Neil Franklin. The children were then set loose to collect as many Easter eggs as possible! It was a special event for all in attendance!



LADIES NIGHT OUT

The Women of Faith committee hosted its first Ladies Night Out at Dragon Hibachi and Sushi Buffet on Friday, April 12th, with fourteen women in attendance. It was a sweet time of fellowship with great food! Ladies, be on the lookout for another Ladies Night Out next Fall.