

## Gospel Meetings

Acts 10:23-33

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### A Successful Gospel Meeting

#### Why Are We Having A Gospel Meeting?

- The church is *“the pillar and ground of the truth.”* **1 Timothy 3:15**
- We are to *“speak the truth in love.”*  
**Ephesians 4:15**
- *“Go make disciples ...”* **Matthew 28:19**

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#### Some question effectiveness of meetings.

- Reflection on the power of the gospel (Romans 1:16; 2 Corinthians 10:4)
- People still respond (1 Corinthians 3:6-7)
- One of several means used to reach the lost (Bible Correspondence Course, Home Study, Radio, Tracts, etc.)

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#### Church Must Realize Its Responsibility.

- To its members. **Ephesians 4:16**
- Invite the lost, follow-up & encourage.  
cf. **Matthew 11:28; 9:36ff**
- Emphasize Bible preaching. **Jonah 3:1-2;**  
cf. **Matthew 12:41**

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#### Each member do his/her part.

- Pray fervently. **James 5:16; 1 Peter 3:12**
- Attend every service. **Hebrews 10:24**
  - *“Thou shalt be missed, because thy seat will be empty.”* **1 Samuel 20:18**
- Arrive early! cf. **Acts 10:33** *“Now therefore we are all here present ...”* **Cornelius was waiting for Peter. Verse 24**

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- Invite the lost, follow-up & encourage.  
cf. **Matthew 11:28; 9:36ff**
  - Cornelius had invited kinsmen and near friends.  
**Acts 10:24**
  - Andrew invited his brother, Simon. **John 1:41-42**
  - Samaritan woman invited the people of the city.  
**John 4:7-42**

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### Each member do his/her part.

- Show hospitality. Romans 12:13; cf. James 2:1ff
- “We never get a second chance to make a good first impression.”

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### Each member do his/her part.

- Sing fervently. 1 Corinthians 14:15; Ephesians 5:19; Hebrews 13:15
- Listen carefully. Luke 8:18; cf. Mark 4:24; Acts 17:11
- Make the personal application.

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### ➤ Gospel Message – Redemption / Salvation

- Power unto salvation (**Romans 1:16-17**)
- How we are saved (**1 Corinthians 15:1-4**)
- Peter’s sermon – salvation from sin (**Acts 2**) “**Hear these words ...**”
- Paul’s sermon on Mars Hill – salvation (**Acts 17:22-31**)

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- Peter’s sermon to Gentiles (**Acts 10:34-48**)
- Paul’s Sermon in Antioch on 1<sup>st</sup> Journey (**Acts 13:16-41**) “**Hearken ...**”
- Paul’s parting Miletus. (**Acts 20:32**)

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### ➤ View the world as lost in sin. Ephesians 2:1-2, 12

- All men are sinners (**Romans 3:9, 23**)
- Sin separates from God (**Isaiah 59:1-2**)
- If die in sin – hell. (**Romans 6:23; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9**)
- Reason Jesus came to earth (**Luke 19:10**)

*Anyone who has not obeyed the gospel is lost in sin!*

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### ➤ World is lost in sin ➤ How we view people of the world

- Good people
- Believe different than we do
- Focus on friendship, likeable, good moral qualities
- Little or no attention to the fact – they are LOST!

*Maybe because our focus is on the here and now!*

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### ➤ Preparation (Colossians 3:23-24)

#### ❖ What have I done?

- Pure life, good example in community
- Invited, challenge, try and stir up

#### ❖ Exhort other members (Hebrews 3:13)

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Speaker: Thomas Thornhill from Bellflower, CA

#### Lessons Include:

Sunday 9:45am ...Song – “Purer In Heart ... Help Me To Be”

Sunday 10:45am ...What Is A Pure Heart?

Sunday 5:00pm ...Qualities – Integrity and Honesty

Monday 7:00pm ...Qualities – Self-Control and Patience

Tuesday 7:00pm ...Qualities – Humility and Contentment

Wednesday 7:00pm ... Qualities – Kindness, Love, and Confidence

Thursday 7:00pm ...Dangers to The Pure Heart

Friday 7:00pm ...Keeping the Heart Pure

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Effectiveness

Hospitality

Responsibility

Participate

Pray

Prepare

Attend

Invite

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