

When God Works

Acts 10:1-8

“Moving a mountain” is a metaphor for an _____ task or purpose

What do you do about mountains that you want moved?

Culture Setting: Gentiles and Rome were distant from Jews

Jewish people wanted to be distinct from nations (Gentiles)

Religion: God’s command to be _____

Jewish people added “_____”

Jewish people didn’t like or trust _____

God’s work with nations and peoples

Jews: _____’ focus. Apostles and first Christians

Samaritans: Half-_____, added to the church

Gentiles = _____, eventually included. It wasn’t _____!

Final Vision: Every _____, _____, _____, and _____ with one voice, praising God in Christ together

Acts 10:1-11:18

Cornelius in _____: Angel, “Send for _____”

Simon Peter in _____: Angel, “Go to _____”

Peter _____, Holy Spirit _____ on Cornelius & household

A dramatic _____ of Christian church!

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1-2: Cornelius: Foreign army officer who “fears” (worships) God in _____ and _____

Challenges: _____, Roman, army officer

Generosity seems to be toward the _____ people

Devout and worshiped the God of Israel

Expressed in _____, _____ living, and _____ to Jews

3-4: God is pleased by His _____ and _____ of worship

While _____, an angel appears and speaks

He couldn’t offer _____, so he did what he could

God accepted His worship as a ‘_____ offering’, Revelation 5:8

God chooses Cornelius for a _____

5-6: God’s plan: send for Simon Peter to come and speak _____

Cornelius is to ask a _____ Christian for help: Learn the _____

The usual pattern of God: bringing God’s message through _____

Little explanation: _____ will tell you

7-8: Cornelius obeys

Cornelius waits for God’s work through _____, _____ days!

The Big Idea:

God _____ people who seek Him

in every nation, people, and language

in _____ and _____

by _____ His grace and goodness

in the _____

God is _____ at _____ in the lives of people around the world

We have the privilege to minister _____ people of many nations rather than merely ministering _____ them

Matthew 17:20

Application:

Follow _____ example

Pray “_____”: regularly, seeking God

Worship through _____

Live _____: holy, God-like

Live _____, especially for those with needs

Expect God’s reward of finding and experiencing His _____

Moving mountains for His Kingdom!

Look for faith & devotion among all _____

Especially where you don’t _____ to find it

Follow great examples, and _____ them when _____ can

Rejoice with those who _____, and weep with those who _____

Reflection Questions

- When you encounter a situation that requires the work of God (a mountain that needs to be moved), how do you normally respond? What is a better way to respond?
- Read Matthew 17:20. What does this look like in daily life?
- What does it mean to live righteously and generously **as an act of worship**? It is certainly easy (and perhaps common) to do these things as an obligation or out of fear or pressure or guilt. What makes it worship?
- What does it mean to minister WITH people rather than merely ministering TO them? Why does it matter?