

## **OUR SURPRISE**

There is always an element of surprise in the spread of the Gospel.

### **1. Comfort Zones (27-29)**

*(27-29) While talking with him, he went on in and found that many had come together there. Peter said to them, "You know it's forbidden for a Jewish man to associate with or visit a foreigner. But God has shown me that I must not call any person common or unclean. That's why I came without any objection when I was sent for. So I ask, 'Why did you send for me?'"*

- A. God is going to surprise us with this often.
- B. Let's learn to function outside our comfort zone.

### **2. Coincidental Gospel (34-38)**

*(34-38) Then Peter began to speak: "In truth, I understand that God doesn't show favoritism, but in every nation the person who fears Him and does righteousness is acceptable to Him. He sent the message to the sons of Israel, proclaiming the good news of peace through Jesus Christ - He is Lord of all. You know the events that took place throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John preached: How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, and how He went about doing good and curing all who were under the tyranny of the Devil, because God was with Him."*

- A. We're not always going to be prepared to present the gospel.
- B. Let's just stand up to the task and do the very best we can.

### **3. Confirming Story (39-43)**

*(39-43) "We ourselves are witnesses of everything He did in both the Judean country and in Jerusalem; yet they killed Him by hanging Him on a tree. God raised up this man on the third day and permitted Him to be seen, not by all the people, but by us, witnesses appointed beforehand by God, who ate and drank with Him after He rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people, and to solemnly testify that He is the One appointed by God to be the Judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about Him that through His name everyone who believes in Him will receive forgiveness of sins.*

- A. People can't challenge our personal story.
- B. Our personal story causes people to respond.

### **4. Coming Holy Spirit (44-48)**

*(44-48) While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came down on all those who heard the message. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also. For they heard them speaking in other languages (KJV & NIV - tongues) and declaring the greatness of God.*

- A. The Holy Spirit surprises us at the point of salvation.
- B. He might just surprise us and save someone.