

ACTS SERIES

THE POWER OF VISION

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CONNECT GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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Icebreaker: Share what your vision is like and an embarrassing moment when you made mistake because of poor or less than perfect vision.

Read Acts 10: 1-5, then Acts 10: 9-16

1. VISION IS GOD'S POWER!

Proverbs 19:18 says where there is no vision, the people cast off restraint.

Vision is a picture of the future that produces passion (Bill Hybels). It makes you say: Yes I want to give my life to this! I want this revealed will of God to take place in my life! Ps Philip shared how vision led him to return to Malaysia and later to start Skyline. Vision caused Cornelius, a Gentile, to look for Peter. Vision caused Peter, a Jew to accept the invitation to Cornelius' house and to stay with him

CGQ

Do you have a vision of what God wants for you at this stage in your life? Share with one another, however big or small it is at the moment. Big things often start insignificantly. But if God has given it to you He will grow it!

How does it align with Skyline's vision? Vision is most powerful in you when it overflows from the church vision.

It stirs deeply in our hearts and changes our minds and wills and paints a picture of what

2. Obedience IS YOUR POWER!

What was common to the visions of Cornelius and Peter? What made their VISIONS so powerful? It was their immediate obedience to the visions that changed everything (v 7-8 and v 21-23) Because Vision without Execution will be Hallucination!

1889 Wilbur and Orville Wright told the world they believed "Man can fly!" 14 years their small biplane flew because they never stopped working on their vision!

Apostle Paul said: "I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me which is to testify to the gospel of the grace of God" (Acts 20:24). He obeyed the vision to preach to the Gentiles and wrote more than a third of the NT.

1940s Billy Graham

Envisioned packed stadiums where people far from God could hear the gospel. At the end of the millennium over 200 million had heard the gospel Over two billion had heard him over electronic and digital media.

3) UNITY IS OUR POWER

When together we get together in unity behind God's vision for us we can do great things (v 47-48). For Peter, the incidence led to the opening of the gospel to the Gentiles. In that time 100% of Christians were Jews. Today 99% of Christians are Gentiles! Other examples: The USA united behind President JF Kennedy's vision in 1962: "We choose to go to the moon....because that challenge is one that we are willing to accept, one we are unwilling to postpone, and one which we intend to win." Seven years later in 1969 Apollo 11 landed on the moon.

CGQ: Are we all united behind Skyline's vision? Can we state the vision? Share what you think it means and how it gives Skyline direction and focus? Share how you, individually, and as CG members can help fulfil the Vision?