

Life in the Spirit - The Spirit heals

Read Acts 10

1. Put yourself in Peter's place at Simon's house in Joppa. Picture the vision and tell the group about it.
 - Why do you think God had to repeat the vision for Peter?
 - Have you ever had a repeated message from God?
Think carefully and if you are able, tell the folk in the room about it.
 - The preacher suggested that the principle Peter was about to learn was of great importance to the N.T. church and to our church.
What is that principle and how might it apply in our situation?

2. The main part of the sermon concentrated on verse 38.
 - How do you feel about the fact that Jesus did what he did in the power of the Holy Spirit?
 - The gospels suggest that Jesus got up early most days.
Why do you think he did so? Surely he did not have to impress God!
 - i. Discuss whether or not this practice is mandatory for a Christian, a good practice or something else.
 - Jesus went about doing good Peter tells the assembly.
List some of the things that Peter might have been thinking about.
 - i. How might we do the same? Do you think that being filled with the Holy Spirit might be helpful, and if so how?
 - Peter also mentioned that Jesus healed people.
Which of Jesus healings spring to your mind and what is it about those healings that impresses you?
 - i. Do you think that the Church should be more involved in healing today?
 - ii. By the way who or what is the Church and what are the implications?
 - iii. St. James tells us to "call the elders". Discuss whether we should, why we don't, how we intend to proceed.
 - iv. Have you prayed for a few, many people, or lots of people to be healed and if so what can you report?
 - v. Some say that if you pray for someone and nothing happens you could easily damage them. What do you think about this?

3. You might like to pray for one another for the Holy Spirit and power, for boldness, much more doing good and many more healings.