

The Purpose of Multiplying

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Acts 9:32-11:18

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With 20/20 hindsight, we might say, “How did they miss this?”

John 10:16 – *“I have other sheep that are not of this fold...”*

Matthew 28:19 – *“make disciples of all nations”*

Acts 1:8 – *“you will be my witnesses...to the ends of the earth”*

Acts 9:32-35 – Healing of Aeneas - *“get up and make your bed”*
(compare to Luke 5)

Acts 9:36-42 – Raising of Dorcas – *“Tabitha, get up”*
(compare to Luke 8)

Acts 9:35 - result: *“all who lived in Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord”*

Acts 9:42 - result: *“many believed in the Lord”*

The Purpose of Multiplying is for God’s glory and that His Kingdom might be built.

Cornelius Vision #1 – God is at work (angel), preparing the hearer!

Peter Vision #2 – God is at work (voice), preparing the messenger!

10:35b *“We are all present before God to hear “everything you have been commanded by the Lord.”*

ARE YOU READY TO HEAR EVERYTHING
COMMANDED BY THE LORD?

Acts 10:35 *“the person who fears Him and does righteousness is acceptable to Him”*

Note: These are sequential, not parallel... Fearing God (believing, trusting) is primary; doing righteousness is the outflow.

Acts 10:36-43 - Jesus is mentioned 20 times! It’s all about Jesus!

Acts 10:43 *“...everyone who believes in Him will receive forgiveness of sins.”*

Acts 10:44 *“The “Holy Spirit came down on all those who heard the message.”*

Baptized! Belief – salvation – Spirit (all at one time); baptism as public evidence and declaration of what has already occurred.

Chapter 11:18 *“...they became silent. Then they glorified God, saying, ‘So God has granted repentance resulting in life even to the Gentiles!’”*

Our Call– to put into practice what we have seen.
Phil 4:9 (NIV)

Our Challenge – to not to show favoritism
Gal 3:28

Our Message – is about Jesus
Acts 4:12

Our Offer – those who believe will “receive forgiveness of sins”
2 Cor 5:20

Our Purpose – is to glorify God and to build His Kingdom
Phil 2:10-11