

Digging Deeper

Family Devotions



How to use 'Digging Deeper' for the Book of Acts.

To help you in your journey through Acts, each week we will provide three devotions. We encourage you to read these passages with those in your household at a time that suits, and use the questions to guide you as you talk and reflect on Jesus' unstoppable mission in the Book of Acts.

We looked at a number of different Bible translations when creating these questions. So feel free to use any version as you work through them with your family.

Memory Verse Challenge

The second memory verse for our series on Acts is from Acts 16:30-31. Chrissy and some special Quiz Worx Kids have created a fun music video to help you learn it! You can find the Memory Verse video in the 'Acts 10-11: Jesus' Mission is for Everyone' folder on google drive, or you can watch it at: https://youtu.be/_WkCNqUxRdE

Something to Remember

As we journey through the Book of Acts, we will continue to see that the mission of the Risen King Jesus cannot be stopped.

As you look at each passage, keep asking:

- a) What could stop Jesus' mission?
- b) How do we see these obstacles overcome?
- c) How can I be part of Jesus' unstoppable mission?

Devotion 1- Acts 10: 1-23 (if you have younger children, just read verses 9-23)

So far in the Book of Acts, we have seen that the Mission of the Risen King Jesus cannot be stopped. In this passage, we meet a gentile (remember that is someone who is not Jewish) named Cornelius. So far, Jesus' mission has only been spreading amongst the Jews but for it to go all around the world, then Jesus' mission must go to the gentiles. Is Peter ready for this? Or will this be what stops the mission of the Risen King Jesus?

1. Who appeared to Cornelius and why?
2. Why did Peter think that it was not good to eat what the angel said to eat? (For more information, and if with older children, have a look at Deuteronomy 14:3-20)
3. Have you ever found it hard to do something that you know God wants you to do? How did you respond? If not, ask your parents this question and see what they say.

Pray

Thank God for the gift of the Holy Spirit who helps us do things that we find hard.

Ask God to help us to trust him and his plan, even if we don't always fully understand it.

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Devotion 2 – Acts 10: 23b-40

In this section Peter goes to Cornelius' house and finds not only Cornelius, but many gentiles who want to hear about Jesus. Peter finally understands what God is showing him about Jesus' mission!

1. When they meet, how does Cornelius respond to Peter & how does Peter respond to Cornelius?
2. How has God changed Peter? (Hint: look at verses 28 & 34-35)
3. Who is the Good News of Jesus for? What does this mean for you and the people in your life?

Watch & Pray

There is a bonus video this week! Pray for the Cooke family, as they share Jesus with people in Vanuatu.

Thank God that everyone is welcome in his Kingdom.

Ask God to help you tell all people the Good News of Jesus: people like you, as well as people who are different to you.

Bonus Video Link: <https://youtu.be/xkLS201H8w4>

Devotion 3 – Acts 11: 1-18

At the start of Acts 11, we read that the apostles and other Jewish believers are upset that Peter went to Cornelius' house. Just like Peter at the start of chapter 10, they thought that only Jews were welcome in God's Kingdom.

1. What did Peter help them to understand? How did he do this?
2. Why do you think it was important for the apostles and believers throughout Judea, to hear about what happened to Peter?
3. In verses 15-17, Peter explains that the Gentiles received the same gift from God that the Jews received. What was that gift? What is significant about this?
4. We already know that Peter's heart was changed. He now knew that all people were welcome in God's Kingdom. How did the other Jewish believers respond? (Hint: look at verse 18).

Pray

Thank God that the Good News of Jesus is for everyone (including most of us who by definition are gentiles!) and so we too can be part of God's Kingdom.

Thank God that nothing can stop the mission of the Risen King Jesus.

Pray for someone in your Mission Diary to hear this truth, repent and accept Jesus as their King.