



# VIRAL

HOW THE GOSPEL SPREAD THEN AND NOW

Thursday, Nov 6  
Sunday, Nov 9

## MESSAGE NOTES

**Viral: How the Gospel Spread Then and Now.**  
**GateWay Church of Visalia, Pastor Jim Piitkin**  
**,Acts 10 – 11:18**  
**November 13<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
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## Introduction

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**He calls, prepares, and transforms His people.**

Acts 10:10-16

<sup>10</sup> And he became hungry and wanted something to eat, but while they were preparing it, he fell into a trance <sup>11</sup> and saw the heavens opened and something like a great sheet descending, being let down by its four corners upon the earth. <sup>12</sup> In it were all kinds of animals and reptiles and birds of the air. <sup>13</sup> And there came a voice to him: "Rise, Peter; kill and eat." <sup>14</sup> But Peter said, "By no means, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is common or unclean." <sup>15</sup> And the voice came to him again a second time, "What God has made clean, do not call common." <sup>16</sup> This happened three times, and the thing was taken up at once to heaven.

**He executes His plan of redemption meant for the whole world.**

## Acts 11:15-18

*<sup>15</sup> As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup> And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>17</sup> If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God's way?" <sup>18</sup> When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, "Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life."*



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Saul's Conversion.**

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### Big Ideas:

## 1. Everyone deserves to hear the Gospel.

## 2. You've been changed. Share that change with others.

*1 Peter 3:15: "But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect."*

### 3. Gateway, keep going.

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## GROUP DISCUSSION

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Prayer Requests:

This week, read Acts 10 through Acts 11:18.

1. Are you able to articulate the essential components of the Gospel? See also, 1 Corinthians 15:1-5
2. What are the strategies you use to share the Gospel with people?
3. What are the barriers that inhibit you from sharing the Gospel? See 1 Peter 3:15.
4. Take some time to roleplay a discussion with a friend or acquaintance that includes sharing the Gospel. If you are doing this with your children, you might simplify the language and narrow the concept to the idea that Jesus loves everyone.

Pray. Take some time to think about and pray for the people God has placed in your life who need to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ.