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A VOICE FROM THE CONGREGATION

ACTS 10:30-43

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Peter sharing the Good News with Cornelius, his family and close friends, is significant in a couple of ways. It is a decisive turning point in the development of the Christian mission. Now that Christ had come, the barrier between Jew and Gentile had been broken down. The dividing wall of partition that separated people was no more.

But this passage also represents what happens, or what ought to happen, when a congregation meets for worship. Cornelius said to Peter, “We are all here, to hear what you have been commanded by the Lord.”

I. The Expectancy of the Atmosphere

II. The Unanimity of the Congregation

III. The Awareness of the Eternal

IV. The Challenge to the Preacher

V. The Outcome of the Proclamation

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: We have come to worship God. Let us come together with humility.

PEOPLE: **We offer all that we are, knowing that we need God’s Spirit to be what we ought to be.**

LEADER: We have come to worship God. Let us come together with expectation.

PEOPLE: **In the presence of God we find light for our darkness and purpose in our striving.**

LEADER: We have come to worship God. Let us come together with praise.

PEOPLE: **May we overcome all that separates us from one another and from God.**

LEADER: May we experience and receive the grace of Jesus Christ, today and every day.

ALL: **Amen.**