

By Faith in His Name
Acts 3

Getting Started

- ❖ In Acts 3 we have a miraculous healing which becomes the basis for a powerful sermon. What have you experienced in the realm of God-empowered healing?

Key Ideas for Discussion

1. The Plan of Jesus (v.1-4)
2. The Power of Jesus (v.5-10)
3. The Person of Jesus (v.11-15)

Takeaway Truth: Only Jesus can deliver us from the crippling and disabling power of sin.

Digging Deeper

- ❖ Revisit the sermon and sermon outline. Read Acts 3 and answer the following:
 - Describe, as if you were there looking on, what happened between Peter and John and the man who was crippled from birth.
 - How did the crippled man respond? How did the crowd respond?
 - What stands-out to you in this miraculous healing? How is it the same or different than modern “healings”?
 - Did it surprise you to think of Jesus and the Apostles passing this man before and not healing him? Why do you think this day was any different than another? What does it say about God’s sovereign plan and his timing?
 - Has there been a situation in your life where you didn’t understand God’s purposes and timing but later came to understand what God was up to?
 - *Carefully Read Acts 3:11-26.* The most remarkable feature of Peter’s second sermon, as of his first, is its Christ-centeredness. He directed the crowd’s attention away from both the healed cripple and the apostles to the Christ. What vital points did Peter make in his sermon to the crowd?
 - Look at each of the titles Peter gives to Jesus. How do each of these speak to the uniqueness of Jesus?
 - Peter ends his sermon by challenging his hearers with the necessity of repentance. What blessings would follow if they repented (vv. 19-26)?

Apply It!

- ❖ What stood out to you in the sermon? Did anything particularly challenge, encourage, convict, or intrigue you?

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- ❖ When you have Jesus to share you have all anyone will ever need. What has God done in your life lately which could be used as an opportunity to praise Him before those who need Jesus?
- ❖ To be joyful, leaping, praising, restored children of God, Jesus must heal the disabilities of our hearts. What is an area of struggle in your life right now that needs the healing, restoring touch of Jesus?
- ❖ Christians and churches filled with the Spirit bring Jesus to those in need. Discuss some ways in your group that, together, you can bring Jesus to someone in need.

Think About It!

We can only give away what we already have. Do you have Jesus? (R. Kent Hughes)

Note from Pastor Jerry: For this year's CG questions, group resources and Bible studies from John Stott (Acts Seeing the Spirit at Work), John MacArthur (MacArthur Bible Studies: Acts), Jack Hayford (Kingdom Power) and Max Lucado (Life Lessons from the Book of Acts) are used in addition to original material.

WORSHIP RESOURCE

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WORSHIP SONGS

HOUSE OF THE LORD

Words and Music by Phil Wickham and Jonathan Smith, 2020

We worship the God who was. We worship the God who is.
We worship the God who evermore will be. He opened the prison doors. He parted the raging sea. Our God, He holds the victory.

There's joy in the house of the Lord. There's joy in the house of the Lord today. And we won't be quiet. We shout Your praise.
There's joy in the house of the Lord. Our God us surely in this place. And we won't be quiet. We shout Your praise.

We sing to the God who heals. We sing to the God who saves.
We sing to the God who always makes a way.
Cause He hung upon that cross then he rose up from that grave.
My God's still rolling stones away.

We were the beggars. Now we're royalty. We were the prisoners.
Now we're running free. We are forgiven, accepted,
redeemed by His grace. Let the house of the Lord sing praise.
There's joy in this house. There is joy, there is joy!
And we won't be quiet. We're gonna shout our Your praise!

KING OF HEAVEN

Words and Music by Paul Baloche and Jason Ingram, 2010

Jesus, let your kingdom come here; let your will be done here
in us. Jesus, there is no one greater. You alone are Savior;
Show the world your love.

King of heaven, come down; King of heaven, come now;
Let your glory reign, shining like the day, King of heaven come.
King of heaven, rise up; who can stand against us?
You are strong to save, in your mighty name, King of heaven come.

We are children of your mercy, rescued for your glory. We cry Jesus,
set our hearts towards you; that every eye would see you lifted high.

King of heaven come. King of heaven come. (2x)

I WANT TO KNOW YOU

Words and Music by Michael Farren, Jonny Robinson, and Rich Thompson, 2016 / Based on lyrics from "In Jesus" by James Proctor

I've tried in vain a thousand ways my fears to quell, my hopes
to raise, but what I need, Your word has said, is ever, only Jesus.
You died, You live, You reign, You plead; there's love in all Your words
and deeds. This weary hearts finds all it needs in ever, only Jesus.

*I want to know You, Jesus my Lord, King of the heavens,
King of my soul. I trade my treasures and all my rewards,
Jesus, to know You, then know You more.*

Though some should curse me for Your name, I have no fear, I have
no shame. You stand with me for all my days, my ever, only Jesus.

Like wave after wave on the ocean. Like all of the sand on the shore.
Your beauty and glory are endless. O Jesus, I must know You more.

DOXOLOGY

Words by Thomas Ken, 1709 | Music by Louis Bourgeois, 1551

Praise God from whom all blessing flow; praise him all creatures here
below; praise him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and
Holy Ghost. Amen.

ALL THINGS RISE

Words and Music by Samuel Yoder, 2015

God, how beautiful Your Holy Word that formed the worlds in
such goodness. O, the shame that we would spurn it all to turn and
fall into darkness. God, we'll sing how through Your Son You turned
this loss and hurt into glory, how, when scorned in death,
You raised Him up; His gain's become the whole world's story.

*Let all things rise and bless Your name, all things made
right and new again. O Lord, our God, Your goodness is free
and boundless, is reaching endless through it all.*

And on this road with every step we take, Your faithfulness
is our portion. You've prepared a city bright and fair whose gates
forever stay open. Son of God, in You we've taken up the way of
love's occupation. O, the joy to share in Your reward,
the stunning turn of new creation.

Just as You promised, God, Your Son was raised up.
In Him we'll follow; in Him we'll all be raised up.

*O Lord, You've made Yourself a home, heaven and earth forever one.
All things once sown in weakness You raise in promise.
Your beauty arches above it all.*

DAILY READINGS | BOOK OF COMMON WORSHIP

SUNDAY | Ps. 67; Ezra 7:1-26; Acts 28:14-23; Luke 16:1-13
MONDAY | Ps. 57; Ezra 8:21-36; Rev. 20:7-15; Matt. 17:1-13
TUESDAY | Ps. 54; Ezra 9:1-15; Rev. 21:1-8; Matt. 17:14-21
WEDNESDAY | Ps. 65; Ezra 10:1-17; Rev. 21:9-21; Matt. 17:22-27
THURSDAY | Ps. 143; Neh. 9:1-25; Rev. 21:22-22:5; Matt. 18:1-9
FRIDAY | Ps. 6; Neh. 9:26-38; Rev. 22:6-13; Matthew 18:10-20
SATURDAY | Ps. 100; Neh. 7:73-8:18; Rev. 22:14-21; Matt. 18:21-35

PRAYER OF RENEWAL

Lord Jesus, we confess that, like Pilate, we sometimes question your
kingship. Too often, we desire to rule and manage our own lives. Help
us to submit to your will and your authority, for you love us, care for
us, and know what is best for us. Remind us that your kingdom is not
of this world, and that your ways are not our ways. Help us to listen
to your voice, and grant us an undivided heart, wholly devoted to
you. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.



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