

THAT WAS THEN, THIS IS NOW
Christianity In The Making: From Jerusalem To South Bay
Acts 3 & 4

Questions For Life Group Study

1. Read Acts 3:19. When has God brought a time of refreshing into your life? How can that be used as a means of encouraging others to want to know Christ?
2. What, if ever, is the most persecution you have experienced in your faith? How did you take it?
3. On a scale of 1-10, how sure are you of Peter's statement in Acts 4:12? What has built your assurance the most? What doubts are still lingering?
4. How has knowing Jesus shaped your character so that people will notice that you have been with Jesus? Acts 4:13
5. Have someone read Acts 4:23-31. How are your prayers in crisis like and unlike this prayer? Why would it be beneficial to recall God's character and actions in history?
6. In times of trouble do you tend to try and figure out for yourself what to do or like the disciples come to God in earnest prayer?

Questions And Scriptures For Further Personal Study

1. What was the purpose of the miracles at this time? See Acts 2:19, 22, 43?
2. List all the facts about Jesus that Peter mentions in Acts 3:11-26.
3. Despite what Peter says in Acts 3:13-15, how does he give the people hope in vs. 24-26? How are blessing and turning related?



4. Read Luke 20:27-40 and Luke 22 vs. 6 and vs. 52. What roles do the priests, the Captain of the guard and the Sadducees play in the ministry of Jesus? Now re-read 4:1-11?
5. Why would the Sadducees oppose the disciples teaching? How would you feel if you were one of the believers and you saw Peter and John taken away?
6. This event reminds us that ministry often happens in the interruptions of life. Jesus gave his followers clear instruction and a great example of what it looks like to be interruptible (if that is a word) and to meet the needs of others. Read Mark 10:46-52 and Matthew 25:31-46 and then answer the following questions. What helps you pay attention and take notice of the needs of others? What can distract you from taking notice of these needs? How could you become more interruptible to be used by God?
7. Read 1 Peter 3:15. How is this illustrated in Peter and John's actions in Acts 3? How might this work out in your everyday life?
8. From Peter's sermon, (3:11-26) how would you sum up what it means to become a Christian?
9. Of all the facts that Peter emphasizes about Jesus, which one strikes you the most?
10. Sometimes we get confused about what it takes or feel inadequate to make a difference in the world around us. What do the following verses reveal about what it really takes to make an impact and how it happens?

Matthew 5:16

Matthew 20:26

Ephesians 2:10

Ephesians 3:20

1 Timothy 6:17-18

Titus 3:8