

Faith and Community



MEMORY VERSE: "Now repent of your sins and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped away."

Acts 3:19



ACTS 2:42-47 Christian Fellowship

1. What activities did the early Christians "devote themselves to" in verse 42?
2. What did these believers do together? What happened when people saw how differently they lived? vv. 44-47
3. Does the way you live draw people to Jesus? How do these verses encourage and challenge you?



ACTS 3:1-10 Faith and Healing

4. Who did Peter and John see as they went to the Temple? What did this person ask for? vv. 1-3
5. What did Peter do in the name of Jesus? vv. 4-7 What do you think about what the lame man wanted compared to what he got?
6. How did the lame man and all the people react to this miracle? vv. 8-10



ACTS 3:11-26 Jesus, the Messiah

- 7. Read verses 11-16. What caused the lame man to be healed, according to verse 16?

- 8. Review the definition of repent and sin on the Scripture page. Peter encouraged the crowd to repent of their sins and turn to God. What did he say would happen if they did this? v. 19

- 9. Peter mentioned prophets and how they told long ago about Jesus. What did Moses say about Jesus? What would happen if they refused to listen? vv. 22-23

- 10. God's desire to bless us and to do good for us includes His desire to turn us all away from our sins. How have you experienced blessing from turning away from sin in your life?

BELIEVE THE TRUTH

People saw how the followers of Jesus lived and it made them want to follow Jesus, too. This is how we should live to honor God: walking in love instead of selfishness, anger or meanness! When Christians share, have grateful hearts and care for others, it makes people want to know Jesus Christ!

PRAY THE TRUTH

Dear Lord Jesus, help me to be kind, generous, and to care about You and others as much as I care about myself. I cannot do it without the power of Your Holy Spirit. Please help me to be loving to others. Amen.

WALK IN TRUTH



In what ways can you make your relationship with God a priority today?

In what ways can you make your relationship with others a priority today?



Acts 2:42-3:26 (NLT)

Acts 2:42-47 The Believers Form a Community

42 All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer. 43 A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. 44 And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. 45 They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. 46 They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity — 47 all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.

Acts 3:1-10 Peter Heals a Crippled Beggar

1 Peter and John went to the Temple one afternoon to take part in the three o'clock prayer service. 2 As they approached the Temple, a man lame from birth was being carried in. Each day he was put beside the Temple gate, the one called the Beautiful Gate, so he could beg from the people going into the Temple. 3 When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for some money. 4 Peter and John looked at him intently, and Peter said, "Look at us!" 5 The lame man looked at them eagerly, expecting some money. 6 But Peter said, "I don't have any silver or gold for you. But I'll give you what I have. In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, get up and walk!" 7 Then Peter took the lame man by the right hand and helped him up. And as he did, the man's feet and ankles were instantly healed and strengthened. 8 He jumped up, stood on his feet, and began to walk! Then, walking, leaping, and praising God, he went into the Temple with them. 9 All the people saw him walking and heard him praising God. 10 When they realized he was the lame beggar they had seen so often at the Beautiful Gate, they were absolutely astounded!

Acts 3:11-26 Peter Preaches in the Temple

11 They all rushed out in amazement to Solomon's Colonnade, where the man was holding tightly to Peter and John. 12 Peter saw his opportunity and addressed the crowd. "People of Israel," he said, "what is so surprising about this? And why stare at us as though we had made this man walk by our own power or godliness? 13 For it is the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob — the God of all our ancestors — who has brought glory to his servant Jesus by doing this. This is the same Jesus whom you handed over and rejected before Pilate, despite Pilate's decision to release him. 14 You rejected this holy, righteous one and instead demanded the release of a murderer. 15 You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. And we are witnesses of this fact! 16 "Through faith in the name of Jesus, this man was healed — and you know how crippled he was before. Faith in Jesus' name has healed him before your very eyes. 17 "Friends, I realize that what you and your leaders did to Jesus was done in ignorance. 18 But God was fulfilling what all the prophets had foretold about the Messiah — that he must suffer these things. 19 Now repent of your sins and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped away. 20 Then times of refreshment will come from the presence of the Lord, and he will again send you Jesus, your appointed Messiah. 21 For he must remain in heaven until the time for the final restoration of all things, as God promised long ago through his holy prophets. 22 Moses said, 'The Lord your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from among your own people. Listen carefully to everything he tells you.' 23 Then Moses



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said, 'Anyone who will not listen to that Prophet will be completely cut off from God's people.' 24 "Starting with Samuel, every prophet spoke about what is happening today. 25 You are the children of those prophets, and you are included in the covenant God promised to your ancestors. For God said to Abraham, 'Through your descendants all the families on earth will be blessed.' 26 When God raised up his servant, Jesus, he sent him first to you people of Israel, to bless you by turning each of you back from your sinful ways."

Repent: regret something you have done; ask God to forgive you; and want to change your ways; turn away from sin.

Sin: any action or attitude that falls short of God's perfect standard; separates us from a holy God. When we sin we show contempt for God. Sin keeps the world from working as God originally intended it to.

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