

Acts Vol. 2

Accompanies the 4/24/22 Sermon

Acts 3:1-26

In volume 1 of our series in Acts we found a group of people empowered by the Holy Spirit to go out and make disciples of all nations. Now as we turn to vol. 2, we will see this church that has been empowered by the Holy Spirit become emboldened even during times of great difficulty and persecution. Over the next couple months, we will see how God desires to embolden us through the presence and power of His Holy Spirit to be witnesses to the ends of the earth.

GETTING STARTED

- Spend a few minutes reflecting on the series up to this point. What has been most impactful to you so far? What do you hope to gain over vol. 2 of this series?

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

Read the following Scriptures together and then use the questions below (or any you wish to add) to discuss the text and unpack its meaning.



Have someone in your group read Acts 3:1-26

- What about today's text stands out to you?
- Look at how Peter responded to the man at the gate. Think about all that had happened in Peter's life over the last several months. What allowed him to respond this way?
- Peter and John stood in front of a crowd. Those that stared back at them are the very same people that were part of condemning Jesus to death only months prior. Peter had openly denied Jesus at the cross. John and the other disciples abandoned him. Now it seems that everything has changed. How could these men boldly proclaim the gospel amongst those very same people that had killed Jesus?

GETTING PRACTICAL

It's easy to focus on the miracle in today's reading but let us not miss the message that the apostles so boldly shared. We are called to share this very same message with as much boldness as they. The same power that they had lives in us today.

- 1) What about this week's message stood out to you?
- 2) When was the last time you were able to share your faith with somebody? How did it feel?
- 3) How could you be more intentional in sharing your faith? Would you be willing to make a commitment of sharing your faith with someone before your groups next meeting?
- 4) Our personal stories can be a powerful tool when it comes to sharing the good news of Jesus. Spend some time in your group sharing your "2 Minute Testimony." Many in your group, maybe yourself as well, have not shared their testimony in this way before. It might come off clunky at first and that's OK. This is a great way to prepare yourself to have those conversations with others. It will also help you all get to know each other better.