

The Message that Accompanies the Miracle (Acts 3:11-26)

Questions: Week Eight

Peter Speaks to the Onlookers - Acts 3:11-26

Topics: <u>Accusation</u>, <u>Authority</u>, <u>Blessing</u>, <u>Challenge</u>, <u>Change</u>, <u>Faith</u>, <u>Good News</u>, <u>Healing</u>, <u>Ignorance</u>, <u>Jesus Christ</u>, <u>Persecution</u>, <u>Prophecy</u>, <u>Punishment</u>, <u>Renewal</u>, <u>Sin</u>, <u>Witnessing</u>

Open It

- 1. If you had to be a journalist, lawyer, or preacher, which occupation would you choose? Why?
- 2. *What is good and bad about confronting another person?
- 3. How effective are you at describing and explaining a sequence of events to someone else?

Explore It

- 4. Why did a beggar hold on to Peter and John? (3:11)
- 5. Where were the people in the crowd assembled? Why? (3:11)
- 6. What did Peter do in response to the gathered crowd? (3:12)
- 7. How did Peter address the group? (3:12)
- 8. What disclaimer was implied in Peter's opening words? (3:12)
- 9. To whom did Peter attribute the power for healing the beggar? (3:13-15)
- 10. *How did Peter set the scene to speak out against the actions of those who crucified Jesus? (3:13-15)
- 11. Why was the healing of the man best understood against this profile of Jesus? (3:13-16)
- 12. What is the significance of Jesus' name in the healing of the lame man? (3:16)
- 13. According to Peter, why did certain Jews mistreat Jesus? (3:17)
- 14. How did the Jews' ignorance further the plan of God? (3:18)
- 15. *What did Peter tell his audience to do in order to be forgiven of their sins? (3:19)
- 16. What results would follow if Peter's audience responded to his words? (3:19-21)
- 17. How did Moses and the prophets predict the coming of Jesus? (3:22-23)
- 18. *How did Peter offer hope to his audience in spite of his warnings? (3:24-26)

Get It

- 19. When have you felt convicted by strong preaching?
- 20. By what means does your church encourage others to come to Christ?
- 21. *What does it mean—and not mean—to be bold in encouraging others to believe in Christ?
- 22. What can you do to be active in telling others about Christ?
- 23. *What can we learn from Peter's example about confronting others with God's message?
- 24. How can a knowledge of the Old Testament build our faith in Christ?
- 25. What can we learn from Peter's approach to explaining the truth?
- 26. What does it mean to repent and turn to God?
- 27. Why do we need to turn to God?
- 28. What areas of your life do you need to turn over to God at this time in your life?

Apply It

- 29. What plan of study can you start to increase your knowledge of God's messages in the Old Testament?
- 30. *How can you be bold in encouraging others to come to Christ?
- 31. How might you examine your life this week for areas God may want to change?