



Why does God command Christians to tell others about Jesus? We tell others about Jesus so they will hear and believe the good news.

Week 5: September 8, 2024

Bible Story Point: After Jesus returned to heaven, the Holy Spirit gave the disciples power to begin sharing the Gospel.

Key Passage: How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? (Romans 10:14)

Sunday Night: (Preschool & Children)

Peter Healed a Man (Acts 3)

Peter's healing and preaching in Acts 3 revealed the Holy Spirit's power at work. Through both word and deed, Peter and John committed themselves to the all-encompassing mission of the gospel—that all they said and did would point back to the truth of Christ as Messiah.

What deeper meaning can we glean from this healing in Acts 3? How did this miracle reveal Jesus's identity as the promised Messiah?

The man carried to the temple's gate desired to receive something generous from Peter and John that afternoon; however, he did not expect to be walking around and worshiping God by the day's end. It seemed that all those gathered around the temple likewise did not expect a miracle to occur in the life of this middle-aged man, as evidenced by their astonishment in this passage.

Though these disciples did not have money to give to this man in need, they did possess something of even greater value—faith in the name and person of Jesus Christ. *They refused to withhold this power from the man, convicted of the importance of living on mission for the gospel.* More than just doing good deeds before others, they knew the priority of proclaiming Jesus' truth before them all, so that the man and the onlookers might find restoration in Christ's name, too.

The significance of man's ability to not only walk but to leap cannot be understated. The prophet Isaiah declared such a miracle would stem from the Messiah's power. (Isaiah 35:6) *What was true then is still true today: God is restoring all things, and this healing further represented His ability to remedy our greatest need for salvation.* This man was raised to walk again by the same power that raised Christ from the dead.

Reflect on the Holy Spirit's power at work within Peter. This disciple who denied Christ went on to empower others to repent of their own denial of the Messiah. The same Spirit who restored and redeemed this apostle has empowered you to declare this same hope to the children in your home.

- Where were Peter and John going? To the Temple to pray.
- Who cried out to them? A lame man who begged
- What did Peter and John do to help him? Healed him by telling him to get up and walk.
- When he was healed what did the lame man do? Went right into the temple to show he had been healed.
- How does the power of the Holy Spirit encourage you today?
- What intentional actions are required for you to step out in the power of the Holy Spirit?

Practice: Say (Memorize) Key passage

Pray: Thank God for giving you power through the Holy Spirit. Ask God to help you step out in faith to share the Gospel with those in your circle.

Wednesday Night, September 11:

Cubbies – Bear Hug 1 A is for All- Romans 3:23 “...All have sinned...”

Sparks:

Hang Gliders – S Is for Savior – 1 John 4:14, ...The Father has sent His Son to be the Savior of the world.

Wing Runner & Sky Stormers

S Is for Savior – 1 John 4:14, ...The Father has sent His Son to be the Savior of the world. **AND**

P is for Power – Psalm 147:5, Great is our Lord, and Abundant in Power.

T & T's – **God is Creator** – Revelation 4:11, Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, that by your will they existed and were created.

Saturday Night: (Preschool & Children)

Take a few minutes to debrief Sundays:

Preview for **Sunday, September 15**

Peter Continued to Preach (Acts 4)

- Who was arrested for preaching the gospel? Peter and John
- Who had them arrested? The temple leaders
- What was their message when they spoke to the leaders? The Gospel – Story of Jesus’ life, death and resurrection.
- What did the religious leaders ask Peter and John to do? Quit preaching the message of Jesus
- How did Peter and John respond? “They can’t quit talking about Jesus”

Upcoming Activities:

| | |
|--------------|--|
| September 9 | Mom’s Bible Study - Monday’s @ 9AM Childcare Available |
| September 12 | Pickle Ball and Walking 6-8PM (Gym & Track) |
| September 21 | Ladies Craft Event 9AM to Noon |
| September 29 | 5 th Sunday FUNday 9AM in the Gym |
| September 30 | Golf Tournament for Missions @ Squaw Valley in Glen Rose |
| October 19 | Men’s Beast Feast 3 – 7PM |
| October 31 | Trunk N Treat 6 to 7:30PM |
| November 5 | Go Vote |
| November 17 | Church-wide Fellowship Noon |
| November 28 | Thanksgiving |

