

BUILD YOUR KINGDOM

The Book of Acts

PART 3:

PREACHING AT SOLOMON'S PORTICO

DISCUSSION STARTER

How would you summarize the ministry of Jesus Christ? What did He come to do?

How are we called to continue His ministry?

BIBLE STUDY

1. Peter and John were involved in the healing of the lame man outside the Beautiful Gate in Acts 3:1-11. What do you find interesting or challenging about this story?
2. How was the lame man's healing a far more powerful picture of God's love than the temple itself?
3. **READ ACTS 3:11-16.** Why is Peter so quick to state that it's not by their own power that the miracle was performed (vs 12)?
4. Why does Peter refer to 'the God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and... our fathers' (vs 13)?
5. Peter accuses his listeners of several things in vs 13-15. What does he say they have done, and is he right to accuse them this way?
6. Peter calls Jesus the 'Author of Life' in verse 15 (some versions say 'Prince' or 'Source'). In what ways does Jesus fulfill this title? See **Colossians 1:15-20**
7. What does it mean to have 'faith in the Name of Jesus' (vs 16)?
8. **READ ACTS 3:17-26.** In vs 17 Peter suggests that his listeners didn't know what they were doing when they killed Jesus. Is there a fundamental difference between sin committed in ignorance and sin committed willfully?
9. What does vs 18 suggest about the suffering of Jesus? Was it inevitable? And if so, are those who killed him truly guilty, or were they simply playing a part in God's plan too?
10. Peter calls the people to 'repent and turn back' (vs 19). What does 'repent' mean?
11. What does Peter say will follow their repentance (vs 19-20)? What does this look like?
12. According to vs 21, where is Jesus now and when will He return?
12. How was Jesus a prophet 'like Moses' and what happens to those who choose not to listen to Him (vs 22-23)?
13. What is the Abrahamic Covenant referred to in vs 25? How is it fulfilled in Jesus Christ? See **Genesis 12:1-3.**

PRAYER

Jesus, fill us with Your Holy Spirit, so that we might continue Your work in our world today!