

Acts 3:1-26 – Bible Study

Read:

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General question:

What stands out to you from this passage?

Further questions:

The ministry of Jesus continues (Acts 1:1) through his church, empowered by the Holy Spirit...

Relieving suffering / acts of supernatural power (v1-10)

- This passage raises the topic of 'healing'. This can be a very delicate and painful subject to discuss. If you feel able to, have a discussion about healing and prayer. What have been some of your experiences (good and difficult)? Do you have any stories of God answering prayer in this area? (Please go gently).
- How do God and medicine relate - does God work through the medical profession to bring healing? Discuss. (Again, go gently).
- Re-read verses 6-8. What stands out to you? Is the man's response, something you can relate to in your experience of Jesus?
- This passage can also speak into the subject of our response to suffering in general. What are the issues in Angmering that you feel God may be putting his finger on for you as an individual, for you as a Home Group, or for us as a church?
- Is it easy to spend most of our time with Christians. Are there any areas outside of church life that you feel called to engage with more?

Proclaiming forgiveness of sins and salvation (v11-26)

- Peter addresses the crowd and explains what has happened. He wants them to be clear that it is God who has done this miracle and not them (v12 and v16). Why is this important?
- Peter points people to Jesus and calls them to repent (v15-19). What does repentance mean? Do Christians still need to repent?
- What does Peter mean by "times of refreshing"? (v19).
- Discuss your experience of trying to tell people about Jesus, or inviting them to church. Do you any ideas of how to do this in new or helpful ways?
- How can we grow in having courage in sharing Jesus with others?
- What is the significance of Peter's words about Jesus being "like Moses"? (v22-26).

Seeing ourselves in the lame man

- Do you feel crippled in any way? If you feel able to, and you think it might help, tell the group more about this.
- Read Isaiah 40:25-31 (the passage Nat read at the end of the talk on Sunday). Read it slowly and spend some time in quiet and prayer.