



Acts - The Birth of the Church - Week 6 - The Power of Jesus

Acts 3: 1-26

Questions

1. **(Icebreaker)** Pastor Shaen told the story of the mouse in church. Does anyone have a good mouse story to share with the group? Maybe include a good bat story for good measure.
2. **Main Idea: Turn to Jesus, the Source of All Power.** Peter had no money, but he had something else to give that completely changed the lame man's life. Have you ever thought that if only your financial situation improved, you could REALLY serve the Lord? What does this passage teach is necessary for you to have in order for God to use you in ministry?
3. Just like a power outage in your home can cause greater problems the longer it goes on, a power outage in your spiritual life can be just as damaging. What are you tempted to substitute as an alternate source of power in your life, even when you know Jesus is the only true source? What is your life like when you're running on non-Jesus power?
4. **Point #1: The Power of Jesus Displayed.** The people at the temple were filled with "wonder and amazement" because the impossible was on display. How is the power of Jesus displayed in your life? Share some examples of how Jesus' power is displayed in the lives of people you know, maybe even someone in your small group.
5. **Point #2: The Power of Jesus Explained.** Peter clearly wanted people to understand that the power of Jesus was predicted in their Scriptures (our Old Testament). Read these passages, then list the verse in Acts 3 that contains the reference:

Old Testament Passage	Verse in Acts 3
Deuteronomy 18:15, 18-19	
Genesis 26:4	
1 Samuel 3:19-20	
Isaiah 65:17	

6. How important was it that Peter bring up all the references to Jewish Scriptures? In other words, what could happen if miraculous power is displayed but not connected to Jesus and to the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob?
7. **Point #3: The Power of Jesus Appealed.** Did you know that if Jesus is your Savior, your sins are blotted out? Wiped off the whiteboard? Washed whiter than snow? How do these images make you feel?
8. Pray for one another, that we rely on the power of Jesus rather than any other source. May we display his power, explain it to others, and appeal to them to follow the great miracle maker.
9. **Note to small group leaders:** Don't feel like you have to spend time on each and every question. Think of this sheet as a menu, and you can order what is best for your group. If the Spirit moves people to get super engaged in one section, spend extra time there and skip others.