**Fellowship CommUnity Group**

**Discussion Guide for Leaders**

*Witnesses: Study of Acts*

*Sermon: A Miracle & Gospel Witness*

*3-15-20*

1. **Getting To Know Each Other** Opening Question:Share a miracle that God has performed in your life.

*(***Opening Prayer**. (Either leader, host home or someone who is willing to pray out loud)

*(Notes from message for reference only – use only as needed)*

**\*\***Use Sermon notes bulletin insert

I. The Miracle

Peter’s Selfless Denials

1) Peter denies that it was his power that caused this miracle.

2) Peter denies that it was the godliness/righteousness of the healers or the healed man that caused this miracle.

II. Peter’s Indictment

Peter’s Indictment List

1) You handed Jesus over to be killed. (v13)

2) You’re worse than Pilate. (v13)

3) You traded the Holy Righteous One for a murderer. (v14)

4) You killed the Author of all human life. (v15)

5) You and your leaders are ignorant. (v17)

6) You don’t understand the Scriptures. (v18-25)

7) You’re wicked! (v26)

The Way to Blessing After Indictment

1) Repent!

2) Your sins may be wiped out, blotted out.

3) Times of refreshing will come from the presence of the Lord.

What Does Peter Say About Jesus?

1) Jesus is glorified by the God of the patriarchs.

2) Jesus is the Author of and source of all life.

3) Faith in Jesus’ name is the source of healing and power.

4) Jesus, the fulfillment of prophecy, will come again to restore all things.

**Into The Text** (Leaders: This time is not meant to be application yet, this is time in the Word, before we seek to apply truth, we need to understand the truth. The section after this one will focus on application.)

1. Ask someone to read Acts 3:1-10. *Ask: What does it tell you about the lame man that he was laid at the temple gate every day? The lame man was born this way and was now over 40yrs old, how would you describe his outlook on life? Why does Luke tell us that ‘Peter directed his gaze at him’? Why does Peter say he does not have silver or gold? What does Peter offer to him? How do the people react?*
2. Ask someone to read Acts 3:11-16. *Ask: Why does Peter make it clear that this miracle was not by his power or godliness? Why does Peter specifically refer to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob? List some of the ways that Peter indicts the people.*
3. Ask someone to read Acts 3:17-26.  *Ask: Why does Peter say the people acted in ignorance? Why does Peter say repentance must happen for their sins to be blotted out? What does v21-22 mean? What is the time for restoring all things?*

**Application**

1. Say: **Let’s move to discussion and application**. Ask: *Discuss together why Peter healed this man? What was the purpose? Did this man eventually die?*
2. Ask: *How does this miracle give us hope that Jesus will restore all things in the end? How important is this message for the people in our world today? How can the Corona Virus be an opportunity to talk about Jesus and the hope only he provides?*
3. *How can fear and despair affect our witness of Christ? What is the difference between using wisdom and discernment and acting out of fear and worry?*
4. *Ask: What does it mean that Jesus is the author of all life? How should that impact how Christians live?*

**Closing Prayer Time**: **(Leader Say:**) Let’s close with a time of prayer. Please take time to pray together for the world and those suffering from the virus. Pray for the most vulnerable. Pray for your church to be a witness of Christ to the community. Pray for wisdom in your life to be a witness of the gospel in these turbulent times.

(*Ask someone to open, let people pray as they feel led, and then leader closes.)*