

ONE message. people. mission.



The Power of a Name

Acts 3:1-26

Overview

- **The Power of the Name of Jesus Christ**
 - Servant: Came to serve and give His life as a Ransom
 - Jesus (Savior): Came to save those who could not save themselves b/c they were dead
 - Holy & Righteous: Separate & Morally Pure: We must be holy as He is Holy...His substitution for us by repentance & Faith makes this possible
 - Author of Life: His resurrection defeats the Death that sin caused
 - Prophet: He not only tells the Truth, but He embodies the Truth
 - Christ (Anointed or Messiah...Indicating Kingship): Jesus is the anointed King to set up a better Kingdom that will be the restored world that was broken to begin with
- **Respond by Repentance and faith**
 - Repentance & Faith blots out sin
 - Which then brings Refreshment from the Presence of the Lord (Sin is paid for)
 - Eventually it will bring about Restoration of All things when Christ returns
 - Man that was healed is a picture of what Christ does to a broken world
 - This is what the Gospel does...Power of the Name (identity of person) of Christ brings refreshment in a broken world by providing answer to the thing that brings about brokenness (sin)

Questions

Discussion Starter: Would you agree it's easy to convince/show the world is broken? How might we go about doing that?

Transition: Here in Acts 3 we see a glimpse of the brokenness of the restored by the power of the name Jesus.

1. What's shocking about Peter's response to the lame man?
2. What makes Jesus' "Name" (vs. 6 & 16) so powerful?
3. How was Christ a Servant?
4. How as Christ a Savior?
5. How was Christ Holy & Righteous?
6. How is Christ the Author of Life?
7. How is Christ a Prophet?
8. How is Christ a King?
9. How does this Name answer the brokenness of the world? (vss. 17-21)

10. How is the Gospel “flattened” if we just tell people to “make Christ your personal Lord & Savior?”
11. How can we better call those apart from Christ to Him in living under the “Power of the Name” as the early apostles did (vs. 6 and even into 4.7, 10, 12, 17, 18, 30)
12. How do we as Christians live in the “Power of the Name” of Christ?
13. How is the healing of the lame man a peek into the future? How does the church and we as Christians model the “Restoration of all things?”

Accountability Question: Do you long for the restoration of all things/people or do you find yourself satisfied in this world?