

November 8 Discussion Questions "The Evidence" Acts 3:1-26

Preview

How we know that Jesus is the Savior:

- Powerful **Signs** prove the apostles' authority (v. 1-16)
 - Prophetic <u>Scriptures</u> confirm God's sovereign plan (v. 17-26; Isaiah 53:5; Deuteronomy 18:15; Genesis. 22:18)
- Personal **Statements** of many who saw Jesus alive (v. 15,26)

"Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive." 1 Corinthians 15:1-6

Connect

- 1. What is something you subconsciously put too much confidence in? Has this person or thing at any time let you down?
- 2. To what degree has apologetics influenced your confidence in the legitimacy of Christianity?

Read Acts 3:1-16

Discuss

- 3. What stood out to you from this story in Acts 3?
- 4. What did this man want from Peter and John? What greater problem did Peter and John address?
- 5. Why do you think God performed miracles through the apostles?
- 6. How did people react to this man's healing? Why was his witness irrefutable?
- 7. Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-6. Why was it impossible to explain away the resurrection as a myth? How does this build your faith?
- 8. What godly character trait do we see exhibited in Peter and John in v.12? Why is it important to not direct attention to ourselves?
- 9. What Old Testament prophets did God use to speak of His coming Son in v.12-26? How does this increase our level of confidence in the veracity of God's plans?

Apply

- 10. Why do you follow Jesus?
- 11. What life experience has most impacted your faith in Jesus? What changed in your life as a result of that faith-building experience?
- 12. Who is struggling with belief in your life? How could this passage help them?
- 13. What is your prayer for what you want God to do in and through you while continuing through this series in Acts?

Pray

Church-Wide Prayer Focus, from the Prayer Team

Personal Prayer Focus: Be in prayer for the WORD to be transforming your heart and mind to truly surrender to the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

Ministry Prayer Focus: Pray for Oakwood to experience peace and unity and not bitter disagreements and dissensions following the election.