



*“For the second time, Peter, the fisherman, takes centerstage and preaches to the questioning crowd. This time, the miracle isn’t just for those who witnessed the actual event, but available for all to see as the paralyzed man is seen walking, leaping, and praising God everywhere he goes. Once again, Peter calls the crowd to repentance, to faith in Christ Jesus, the long-awaited Messiah. This week we look at Peter’s second sermon as both a call to repentance for us and an example to follow as we go forth and continue the movement of the early church in the surrounding world.”*

### **INTRODUCTION ACTIVITY:**

When was the last time you shared your relationship with Jesus with someone. How did you share it? How did you feel about it? If you haven’t done this, why not? What holds you back?

### **MEMORY VERSE:**

**Acts 3:19**

*“Repent, therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out,”*

### **SCRIPTURE READING:**

**Acts 3:11-26**

*“11 While he clung to Peter and John, all the people, utterly astounded, ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's. 12 And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: “Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? 13 The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant[a] Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. 14 But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, 15 and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. 16 And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus[b] has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.*

17 “And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers.  
18 But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. 19 Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, 20 that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, 21 whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago. 22 Moses said, ‘The Lord God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your brothers. You shall listen to him in whatever he tells you. 23 And it shall be that every soul who does not listen to that prophet shall be destroyed from the people.’ 24 And all the prophets who have spoken, from Samuel and those who came after him, also proclaimed these days. 25 You are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant that God made with your fathers, saying to Abraham, ‘And in your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed.’ 26 God, having raised up his servant, sent him to you first, to bless you by turning every one of you from your wickedness.”

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Read Acts 3:11-26 and answer the question: What stands out to you?
2. This is the second time we’ve seen Peter preach in defense of the actions of the early church in the book of Acts. What does this likely reveal about the rest of the book of Acts? Why is Luke highlighting this reality so early in his book?
3. Take a moment and dissect Peter’s sermon-
  1. What is the issue Peter is defending against?
  2. Who is he speaking to?
  3. What is he saying?
  4. How is he saying it?
  5. Where do you see him working the gospel in?
4. Compare and contrast Peter’s two sermons (so far). Acts 2:14-40 & Acts 3:11-26. What are differences/similarities? Why the differences?
5. Peter’s sermons can be used as a framework for Gospel presentation to those who don’t know Jesus. What do you notice about *how* he preaches? How might we share the good news similarly in our modern context?

## CLOSING PRAYER ACTIVITY:

Invite someone to close the group in prayer.