# THE CHURCH GROWS

# THROUGH PREACHING

UNSTOPPABLE :: WEEK SIX ACTS 3:12-4:4

# WHAT IS PREACHING?

WHAT DO WE MEAN BY "PREACHING" HERE AT THE SHORELINE?

#### PREACHING IS AWESOME

- 1. We mean expository preaching which aims to exposit, or dig out, the meaning of the Bible.
- 2. We mean *applicational* preaching which aims to apply the Bible to our lives today.
- 3. We mean *inspirational* preaching which aims to uplift the heart to worship God through His Word.
- 4. We mean αbout 35-40 minutes of Sunday worship to help you love and live God's Word everyday!

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#### 2 TIMOTHY 4:1-2 NIT

"I SOLEMNLY URGE YOU IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD AND CHRIST JESUS, WHO WILL SOMEDAY JUDGE THE LIVING AND THE DEAD WHEN HE COMES TO SET UP HIS KINGDOM: PREACH THE WORD OF GOD. BE PREPARED, WHETHER THE TIME IS FAVORABLE OR NOT. PATIENTLY CORRECT, REBUKE, AND ENCOURAGE YOUR PEOPLE WITH GOOD TEACHING."

1. The crowd has gathered due to the healing miracle, but Peter's preaching will supply the needed information for salvation to occur!

# UNSTOPPABLE

"FAITH COMES BY HEARING, AND HEARING BY THE WORD OF GOD" ROMANS 10:17

YOU AND I MUST PREACH AND TEACH TO SEE PEOPLE GET SAVED!"

2. "God's servant Jesus" is the subject and focus of Peter's preaching. The crowd is Jewish and knows the scriptures about the 'servant of the Lord' from Isaiah 53. There it says, "The Lord laid on him the sins of us all."

3. "You killed the author of life..." Peter is not shy about placing the blame for the crucifixion. Yet he will go on to say that it was God's plan. So who did kill Jesus? Who put him on that cross?

### UNSTOPPABLE

"IN FACT, IT WAS NOT POLITICAL INTRIGUE OR CIRCUMSTANCES THAT PUT JESUS ON THE CROSS; IT WAS OUR SIN. IF YOU WANT TO KNOW WHO PUT JESUS ON THE CROSS, LOOK AT ME - OR LOOK IN THE MIRROR."

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4. Peter applies his preaching to the crowd and to us: "Now repent of your sins and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped away. Then times of refreshment will come from the presence of the Lord, and he will again send you Jesus, your appointed Messiah." Vv. 19-20