



Personal Reflection Questions: Unstoppable Spirit

Acts 3–4:14

Personal Devotion

1. Read Acts 3:1-26 (the events recorded in Acts 4 depend upon the events recorded in Acts 3).
2. Have you ever witnessed a miraculous event performed in your presence?
 - How did you react to it? How did others react to it?
3. Have you ever heard a sermon preached? (Ha Ha!)
 - How did you react to it? How did others react to it?
4. Which one, miracle or sermon, has been most helpful in your personal spiritual development?

Community and Fellowship

1. Have you ever been to an event where thousands of people came to believe in Jesus Christ for salvation all at the same time?
2. The early church grew by leaps and bounds (3,000 at Pentecost; about 15,000 at Peter's second sermon). But the church also grew day by day as the Lord was adding to their number (2:47). What would happen if 5,000 people repented of their sins and came to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation in one day at PGC?
 - How would that affect our community?
 - How would that affect the fellowship we enjoy with one another?

Growing in Faith

1. As you read Peter's second speech (Acts 3:12-26), which parts are most important or encouraging to you? Why?
2. Have you ever been led by the Holy Spirit to do something unusual or out of the ordinary; not necessarily something that would be characterized as a "miracle?"

Impact on Others

1. Acts 4:14 says that the Sanhedrin began to recognize that Peter & John had been with Jesus. What do you think it was about them that led the Sanhedrin to that conclusion?
2. What, in your life, would lead others to recognize that you have been with Jesus?

Pray

Put yourself in the place of the man born lame in Acts 3:1. Now pray through Psalm 118:14-24; praying the verses back to God in a personal way (e.g.: "Lord, You are my strength and my song; You have become my salvation...etc.).

Finish your prayer with verse 25 and be specific about what "success" you desire God to provide for you.



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Small Group Discussion Guide: Unstoppable Spirit

Open

1. Pray this Scripture together:
“Now may the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.”
2. Read **Acts 3:1-26** to begin your Grace Group.

Discuss:

1. Recall Peter’s sermon (from Acts 3:12-26). What part of that sermon got Peter & John into trouble with the Sanhedrin?
2. What are the most important elements in Peter’s sermon for you?
3. What do you think made the members of the Sanhedrin more upset with Peter & John: the sermon or the miracle?
4. How has Jesus Christ the Nazarene become the Chief Cornerstone in your life?

Apply:

1. Would this be a good sermon for you to memorize so that you can “share Christ” with your friends and family?
2. Why, or why not?
3. 5000 men believed on the Lord Jesus Christ that day. Why shouldn’t we just repeat this sermon everywhere we go?
4. How do you know if/when you are filled with the Holy Spirit?
- Of course, if we have been saved (born again), we are sealed with the Holy Spirit for the day of redemption (Eph 4:30); but have you ever sensed the Holy Spirit leading you in a specific way during a specific situation?

Pray:

1. Thank God for the 5000 men (probably 20,000 total people!) who believed that day.
2. Lord, how can I make use of Peter’s sermon to fit into a context in your life?
3. Pray this prayer (based upon Psalm 118:14-24) together, with one mind...

The LORD is our strength and our song, and He has become our salvation.

The sound of joyful shouting and salvation is in the tents of the righteous;

The right hand of the LORD is exalted; The right hand of the LORD performs valiantly.

We will not die, but live, and tell of the works of the LORD.

The LORD has disciplined us severely, but He has not turned us over to death.

Open the gates of righteousness to us; we will enter through them, we will give thanks to the LORD.

This is the gate of the LORD, for You have answered us, and You have become our salvation.

A stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This came about from the LORD; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day which the LORD has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Please, O LORD, do send us success!