

Group Guide: Week 1

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

There are four components to a healthy group: Word, prayer, relationships, and reaching out. In this guide, we will study Acts 3 using inductive Bible study, which has three components: observation, interpretation, and application.

As the leader of your group, feel free to use whatever parts of this guide most help you do this!

 ${\it CONNECT}$ break the ice and get people talking

- What do you like the most about spring?
- Discipleship check-in:
 - Have you prayed and read your Bible consistently the past week?
 - Who is someone you're praying to share Jesus with this week, and what's one way you can love them well?

INTRODUCTION

This week kicks off a new sermon series titled, "Jesus: Prophet, Priest, and King," in preparation for Easter. While reading Acts 3:17-26, we will study what God's word has to say about Jesus as a prophet.

In this chapter, Peter and John have just healed a lame beggar at the temple. Peter urges the onlookers to repent and receive Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

OBSERVATIONS what does the text say?

READ: All of Acts 3 for context

DISCUSS:

- What sticks out in this passage? Do you notice any patterns or repetitive words?
- What is the role of a prophet?
 - What does a prophet do?
 - What does a prophet say?
- What was foretold by the prophets?

• How does Peter ask the people of Jerusalem to respond to what the prophets have said?

INTERPRETATION WHAT DOES THE TEXT MEAN?

DISCUSS:

- Why does Peter ask the people of Jerusalem to listen to the prophets?
- Why should they respond in repentance?
- What does it mean to be heirs of the prophets?

APPLICATION what do we do next?

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- Where may the Lord be calling you to repent?
 - In this stage of your life, how are you listening to God?
 - How can you use what God is teaching you in this season to encourage others?
- As we prepare for Easter, you may have written down 5 people to commit to praying for. Who did you write down on Sunday?
 - Take time to listen to God together about what he might want you to say to each of them.
 - Pray for them together.

PRAYER

Praise God who foretold of the resurrection of Christ through his prophets. Praise Jesus that he is our perfect prophet and the Word of God made flesh. Pray that the Spirit would give you ears to hear him this week and the courage to listen to and speak the gospel this week.