



the upside down series
week three: the name that heals

1. When you are Hurting you need a _____.
2. When Christ heals you there is _____.
3. When Christ heals you _____ sees it.
4. When Christ heals you the _____ is spread.
5. When Christ heals you times of _____ will come.

You're back! I'm so happy to see that. You are an example of devotion to the Lord and the teaching of His word. The Lord will honor your faithfulness.



day one: self assessment

This week's chapter is short. I would ask you to start by reading the entire chapter. Take a moment and pray before you do. Today's questions will not address the text at all. Instead, let's do a short personal spiritual assessment.

personal application

1. Take a moment and assess how you are doing spiritually as you begin this week's lesson. Are you growing in the Lord? How can you tell?
2. We ended last week's chapter with the early church. One of the characteristics of the early believers was that they had favor with all the people. Do you have favor with the people God has placed around you?

verse

Psalm 139:23-24

Search me O God,
and know my
heart! Try me and
know my thoughts!
And see if there be
any grievous way
in me, and lead
me in the way
everlasting!



day two: walking, leaping, praising

Don't forget to begin your time with prayer. Make this a habit every time you start your quiet time.

Let's focus in on Acts 3:1-10.

exploring the text

1. Where were Peter and John going, and what time was it?
2. Describe the lame man and everything we're told about him.
3. What did the lame man want from Peter and John?
4. How did Peter and John respond?

5. What did Peter offer the lame man?

6. How do you think Peter had faith to say what he did?

7. What happened to the man when he accepted Peter's words?

8. What was the response of those watching this interaction?

prayer

Thank God for working powerfully to change your life, and ask him to give you the opportunity to talk about Jesus to one person this week.



day three: faith in a name

Jesus is the name that heals. We read about the lame man healed yesterday. Start today's quiet time thanking God for healing you from sin and self.

Now read Acts 3:11-16. This is just a portion of Peter's sermon that we will dwell on today.

exploring the text

1. What was the response of the man and the people to the miracle of healing by Peter and John?
2. Why do you think they responded as they did?
3. To whom did Peter give credit for the miracle?

interesting fact

The most remarkable thing about Peter's second sermon is its Christ centeredness. He directed the crowd's attention away from the healed lame man and the apostles to Jesus Christ. Everything we do should point to Christ and His glory. Is that true in your life?



day four: times of refreshing

Read Acts 3:17-26

We've seen the lame man healed. We've watched the crowds astounded. We've heard Peter point to Jesus. Now let's focus on our response.

exploring the text

1. In vs. 17, Peter tells the listeners that they acted in ignorance. Did their ignorance excuse their actions? How can you tell based on the passage?
2. What does Peter tell the hearers they must do in vs.19?
3. Repentance seems to be a theme in Peter's sermons. Why do you think that is?

4. What is the promise God gives us when we repent according to vs. 20?

interesting fact

5. Peter quotes Moses in vs.22. Why do you think he does that? What does it tell us about his audience?

Peter and John made a point of being where the action was - in the place where those on the road to meeting Jesus were. How in your life might you be and serve where you would be apt to meet people who need Jesus?

6. Now look at vs. 26. Who did God send his son Jesus to first?

7. Based on what you know about history, did the Jewish people accept Peter's message? How did their response impact you and me?



day five: times of reflection

Read Psalms 51 today.

We've talked so much about repentance in the last couple of weeks. Today why don't you spend 15 minutes in prayer asking God to show you any area in your life where you need to repent?

Here are some common areas of sin for most Christians:

Your thought life

Your attitudes towards others

Disbelief of God's character and His word

Sins of omission: failure to do what you can and must do

Sins of commission: know something is wrong but do it anyway

verse

Psalm 119:9-10

How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word. With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments.
In Jesus' Name,
Amen