

BIBLE STUDY – ACTS Chapter 3 – Leader Notes

- 1. Maybe you feel the desire to change some of your habits.**
- 2. Peter and John focused their total attention on the crippled man by looking straight at him.**
- 3. Peter's statement shows that it is not by Peter's power but by the authority of the Messiah.**
- 4. The action on the part of the lame man showed that he had been healed.**
- 5. He goes about the temple telling everyone what had happened and praising God.**
- 6. In verse 12 Peter again states that he and John did not do this by their power.**
- 7. They had handed Jesus over to be killed. They had disowned him before Pilate and Gentile. They had a murderer released instead of the innocent Jesus.**
- 8. God had fulfilled the promise He made long ago. Christ had suffered for the sins of the whole world. As they repent their sins will be wiped out and given them refreshment. Jesus had come to restore everything that God had promised through the prophets.**
- 9. They were to turn from their wicked ways. Luther stated that if there is any doubt of what we might need to changed, we should look at the 10 commandments.**
- 10. Peter did not mean to say that ignorance is innocence. They could not be excused for disowning God's servant and killing the author of life. But Peter was leading into the thought that God in his grace had used their evil act for his good purpose and that the gracious Lord was ready to forgive their sins. His words were in the spirit of Jesus who prayed from the cross, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing" (Luke 23:34). God did not order them to act as they did or will that they do it. He did not cause their ignorance. But through their ignorant actions he accomplished what had to occur because his word had prophesied it. (PBC)**