



# **HILLCREST**

## LIFE GROUPS

### Sermon Discussion Guide

Into the World with Words and Deeds

Acts 3

Sunday, December 6, 2020

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## Get to Know You

What is your favorite Christmas Carol?

## Study the Book

Read Acts 3:1-8

**We need to be people of:**

### Attention

How did Peter and John show attention in verses 4-5?

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I can't help but think Luke is saying something significant to us here. Something about how we should pay attention to the needs of the world around us. We're so busy with our jobs or our degrees or our houses or our kids or leveling up on our current video game. I wonder if we've ever done what Simon Peter did and "look straight at" some particular need in this world.

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What are some needs in the world that we can easily overlook?

### Action

How did Peter show action in verse 6?

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So, do we give generously to the poor? Yes. But we have to admit sometimes our handouts are just ways to relieve our guilt instead of ways to really serve the poor. In Acts 3, God used Simon Peter to miraculously give this lame man the dignity of being able to take care of himself. And I think we need to support the kind of ministries that do that today. Like the old saying, we need to teach a man to fish instead of just giving him fish.

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## **Explain who Jesus is and invite people to turn to Him.**

Read Acts 3:13-22

How does Peter refer to the Messiah in these verses as he speaks about Jesus?

How would you explain to someone how to turn to Jesus?

## **Benefits of faith in Jesus:**

*Jesus Reconciles*

How does the Biblical imagery of blotting give us a picture of what happened with our sin?

## *Jesus Refreshes*

How has your faith provided refreshment and renewal in your life?

## *Jesus Restores*

How does knowing that Jesus will restore everything provide hope?

## **Group Application and Discussion**

How can we be people of attention and action in our city?

How can we explain who Jesus is and invite people to turn to Him this Christmas season?

## **Personal Reflection and Application**

What changes do you need to make in your life to be a person of attention and action?

How can you personally point people to Jesus Christ?