

Message Outline

Character Study on Simon Peter:
The Healing and The Hearing

Acts 4



Intro: Studying the life of Simon Peter...

- Recap of last week...

v.1-4—Helping can hurt...help anyways!

v.5-7—Peter on trial before same people who sentenced Jesus to death...

v.8-10—Still using podium to point to Jesus...

v.11-12—Names point to people...name of Jesus started healing (3:6), offers salvation!

v.13—Others noticed “they had been with Jesus”...do people notice that in your life?

v.14-17—Can’t refute but can threaten...

v.18-20—Who do you listen to in life?

v.21-22—The middle age miracle...

v.23-24a—Practice of prayer throughout this miracle (3:1, 4:24)...

v.24-31—Prayer with perspective and petition...

Civil Disobedience

- God on role of government and Christian involvement:

-cf. 1Pet.2:13-17, Rom.13, 1Tim.2:1-2

- Many Bible heroes hold government positions:

-Moses (lawgiver), KING David, QUEEN Esther, Daniel (high ranking official), etc.

- Problems when government plays God...

- MLK Jr. on peaceful protests: 1) Facts 2) Negotiation 3) Self-purification 4) Action...

1) _____ (v.1-3)

2) _____ (v.7)

3) _____ (v.8-17)

4) _____ (v.19-20)

- A civil command in direct contradiction of Christ’s command (1:8. 4:18)...

- MLK on just laws and unjust laws...

- Peter’s clarifier:

a) _____ (3:1, 4:24ff.)

b) _____ (1:8, 4:18)

c) _____ (v.8, 24)



Small Group

Reflection Questions

(Please take time to ponder and pencil in to prep for this week’s small group session.)



Read: John 5

**From this passage, who is Jesus and/or what’s this say about life in Him (cf. Jn.20:30-31)?*

**What spoke to you this past Sunday (ie. what made you laugh, learn, look deeper at life etc.)?*

**The last two weeks topic has hinged on a miracle done to a lame man in the name of Jesus. Would you be willing to share an issue in your life that would take a miracle to fix?*

**Peter was described in Scripture as “ordinary” and “unschooled” (v.13). If the Bible were using two words to describe your life, which would they be? And how is God using those traits to point others to Him?*

**The Bible speaks often on the role of government (cf. 1Pet.2:13-17, Rom.13, 1Tim.2:1-2 etc.). Can you think of ways government is used by God and times government tries to usurp the role of God?*

**What do you think it was about Peter that the religious leaders noted as indication he’d been with Jesus (v.13)? In other words, how did they see Jesus thru Peter?*