

Care Group Homework
(For the week of February 14, 2010)
The Importance of Jesus Christ - Acts 3:1-4:12

Getting to know one another:

1. When you are lost, which of the following are you most likely to do? Stop and ask for directions, check a map, drive around until you find the place you are looking for, or not admit to anyone you are lost?
2. If you were going to sell something and place an add somewhere, where would it be? (Newspaper, The Nickel, the internet, a bulletin board at City Market...)
3. Looking back over your sermon notes, was there a particular point or passage of Scripture that most challenged, confused or caught your attention?

Getting into the Word:

4. Read our text (Acts 3:1-4:12). What things capture your imagination from this text?

5. Why was it so easy for the early church to grow so quickly?

There are of course many reasons why the early church grew quickly. Among them are the social, political and spiritual environment of the first century. Among the factors which impacted people's willingness to respond include a base of biblical knowledge which increased the ability of the listeners to understand the concepts inherent in the gospel.

6. How does our cultural/social situation prepare people for Christ or hinder us in our attempts to share Christ?

In the first century there was no evolutionary theory - faith in God ruled the hearts of mankind. There was, certainly in Jerusalem, a common understanding of the basic Old Testament message. There was also a sense of expectancy for the coming of the Messiah.

7. What are some of the key points in Peter's message (found in Acts 3:12-26)?

1. That the miracle wasn't because of their power, but Jesus'. 2. That God has glorified Jesus, whom the Jews crucified. 3. That they did this out of ignorance. 4. That they can repent and believe in Jesus and their sins will be forgiven.

8. The message spoke of three types of people (both believers and unbelievers). What times in your life have you fit those categories?

9. How can you help others be ready for Jesus?