



Small Group Notes for the week of: February 26-March 3

The next season of your life has limitless potential! The Apostle Peter went from fisherman to follower to church founder to father of the faith. What we do and what we become in life is determined by two things: (1) our view of God and (2) our view of ourselves. According to Paul, we can do ALL things through Christ. Therefore, under the power of the Holy Spirit, our potential is limitless.

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New Song
community church

Acts 2:14-24, Acts 3:1-8, and Acts 4:8-20

Getting Started

Do you remember a time in your life when you felt called by God in a new or special way? Describe the situation. What did you have to give up? What was the result?

Observation [What is this passage saying?]

Read Acts 2:14-24

1. This passage begins with Peter standing before the crowd in Jerusalem and explaining to them what was going on with all the noise and outbursts of praises to God in multiple languages. What source does Peter turn to for help (vs. 16)? What are the key points in the first part of his sermon (vs. 17-21)?

Now read Acts 3:1-8.

2. What are Peter and John preparing to do when they come across the lame man? Describe what you see in Peter's interaction with the blind man.
3. Do Peter and John pray for God to heal the crippled man? What accounts for their boldness? What is the significance of this happening where it did?

Read what happened next in Acts 4:8-20.

4. Why were Peter and John arrested (vs. 2)? How does Peter answer the question of how the crippled man was healed (vs. 8-12)? What stands out to you in the next section as they decide what to do and Peter responds?

Interpretation [What does it mean?]

5. What “talking points” does Peter’s first sermon include that we can use when talking to others about Christ?
6. Peter and John showed some important Christian traits in the story of healing the lame man ... What are they?
7. The religious leaders “realized that ... (Peter and John) had been with Jesus.” (vs. 4:13) Why? How do people know if we have “been with Jesus”? Compare this situation with Moses in Exodus 34:29.
8. What convictions shaped Peter’s preaching and interaction with people? How did they come about?
9. What is the main idea from these passages?

Application [What is my response as a result of these truths?]

10. What would it take for you to become a Peter? What habits or attitudes do you see in his life that you want God to cultivate in your life so that you impact people as he did?
11. When was the last time you really felt the Holy Spirit leading you to do something extraordinary? If it's been a while, how can you prepare yourself for his presence?

Casting Vision [What basic role do I play in the mission and vision of New Song Community Church?]

In preparation for a fantastic spring season of ministry with Easter coming and a Wow Weekend with Soul Surfer, Bethany Hamilton, New Song is currently hosting 24/7 prayer from February 27 - March 9. You can sign up by visiting sign-up table in the church lobby or by calling the church office. Perhaps your small group could adopt an entire day in the prayer room!

For next week:

- Read and think about what you see in Acts 10:1-48.
- Memorize Acts 10:34-35: *Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism but accepts men from every nation who fear Him and do what is right."* (NIV)
- Invite at least 3 people to check out our small group.

