

Lectionary Bible Study

For Sunday, April 14, 2024 (Easter 3)

Acts 3:1-19

Discussion Starters

1. How would you describe the miracle in this text? Why would that event “surprise” or “astonish” the people?
2. What facts does Peter state about Jesus as he addressed the crowd? How do you imagine his tone of voice as he recites these facts? Which facts might be new to the first hearers?
3. How are “repenting” and “refreshing” connected? What does each mean for Christians today? When have been times of “repenting” and “refreshing” in your life?
4. When is it proper to “come on strong” against a person's sin (like Peter did here), and when should we be more tactful?
5. Do you think that God could heal someone through you? Why or why not?

1 John 3:1-7

Discussion Starters

1. What does it mean to be “children of God?” How do you become one? Why do so many question whether or not they truly are one?
2. Put verse 6 into your own words. Does John really mean that Christians never sin? At all? Deliberately? Habitually? Accidentally?
3. How does the love of the Father fit into the other teachings of this passage? What are ways you have experienced the lavish love of God recently?
4. How do we purify ourselves? (v. 3)
5. What does it mean to you to be a child of God?

Luke 24:36b-48

Discussion Starters

1. Why do the disciples have so much difficulty believing their own eyes?
2. Why was it necessary for the disciples to see that Jesus was not a ghost? How does He demonstrate that?
3. What task does Jesus give to the disciples? To whom were they sent? In light of your circumstances, where is your mission field? Who can you tell about the story of Jesus?
4. What does it mean that Jesus “opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures” (v. 45)?

WRAP UP

What key insight did you gain from this Bible study? How might it make a difference in how you live today?