

No Longer Impossible

Acts 3:12-20

August 1, 2021

Next Steps

OPENING PRAYER:

Merciful God, your ways are not our ways. We know this truth and we know you call us to act in accordance with your will, not our own. Yet, we constantly struggle to yield to the ways of the kingdom. We pass the broken beggars of our day and, unlike Peter, we do not stop. We cower in fear rather than proclaim the truth of the resurrection. We accept the status quo, unwilling to challenge the power brokers of our age. Help us, Lord, to hear Peter's call to repentance as a call that is also intended for us. Give us courage and faith to deal honestly with ourselves and with one another. Strengthen us for worship and for service that we might live boldly as your people. For the sake of Christ we pray. Amen.

BREAKING THE ICE:

- What did you agree or disagree with in the sermon this week?
- Where did you see God this week?
- After a hot day working in the sun, what refreshes you the most?

WRESTLING WITH THE WORD:

Read Acts 3:12-20.

- What jumps out at you in this scripture?
- How does this passage compare and contrast with Acts 2:1-12?
- Restate v. 16 in your own words. What does this teach you?
- What does this passage teach you about being a Christian? How can you apply this to your life?
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NEXT STEPS:

- When your faith matured, how did you handle and deal with your sin? (v. 13-15)
- This is Peter's second sermon outlining his faith and belief. What would you say to someone in a similar situation?

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;*
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic** church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

