

# Devoted to Jesus Above all else

## WEEKLY ACTION STEP

Text the word "FIRST" to 317-350-1996 to join us on the Faith First journey.

Start your day with this prayer. Jesus, today I choose to be devoted to you above all else.

## BIG IDEA

Jesus' crucifixion, resurrection, presence and return are the solutions for every problem in my life and world.

## SCRIPTURE

Read Acts 3:1-21, 4:12-13

## OPENER

What pain in your life or world is most frustrating you?

## QUESTIONS

1. The lame man in the story today wanted money from Peter and John but God exceeded those expectations and physically healed him. Tell about a time that God exceeded your expectations or solved your problem in a way that you didn't expect.
2. In Acts 3:6, Peter tells the man who was lame, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk." God used Peter to heal the pain of the man after healing Peter's own pain of shame and regret. Who in your life is going through pain right now, and how can God use you to help heal their pain?
3. John said that "Jesus crucifixion, resurrection, presence, and return are the solutions for every problem in my life and world." Which of the 4 things about Jesus is the hope for your pain or frustration?
4. In Acts 4:13 it says, "...they took note that these men had been with Jesus." How are you different from today's culture? In what ways do you tend to blend in with the culture? How can people identify that you have been with Jesus?
5. Pastor John talked about the Apostle Paul and his affliction, which he asked God to remove three times. God's response was, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." How would you respond if God gave you the same answer He gave Paul for the pain and frustration in your life?

## TAKEAWAY

- God cares about your pain, but His solution may be bigger and better than you've been expecting.
- Believing in Jesus' power transforms us and the world around us.
- The only lasting hope for humanity is Jesus.
- God changes the world through ordinary people who live like Jesus is the only lasting hope for humanity.

## REFERENCES

2 Corinthians 12:7-9

## DIGGING DEEPER

1. In Acts 4:12 it says, "Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved." What are other ways people try to achieve Salvation? Why do those ways fall short?
2. Read Exodus 34:29-35. When Moses was in the presence of God his outward appearance was changed. In what ways are you changed when you spend time with God? In what ways do you "veil" God's glory in your life: Doubt? Timidity? Forgetfulness? Defensiveness? Faithlessness? If you were to drop the veil, how might your witness be different?