



STUDY GUIDE

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[set up]

Share an encouraging story related to your LifeHouse Super Bowl engagement if you participated.

Ask each other about the 3 habit challenge introduced in last week's message (partner up if in a group):

- Beloved Child/Self Feeder - How did you do in being in the Word and prayer daily last week?
- Servant/Investor - How did you do blessing 2 people last week (1 believer, 1 unbeliever)?
- Discippler/Missionary - How did you do eating with 2 people last week (1 believer, 1 unbeliever)?

[digging deeper]

This last weekend we were in Acts 3, and focused on how our healing and hope point to Jesus. **Re-read Acts Chapter 3.**

- What observations strongly stand out to you?
- Where and how do you see the events with Peter, John, the lame man, and the crowd pointing to Jesus?

The events here were initiated by a physical healing. Does God still heal physically? Does He always heal? What are other ways God can bring healing into our lives beyond physical healing? (John 14:14; James 5:13-15; 2 Cor. 12:7-9; 2 Tim. 4:20)

Here are a few links to read in advance on the topic of healing. Also check the CVC Blog this week for a blog from Pastor Chad on this topic.

<http://www.gotquestions.org/God-heal-everyone.html>

<http://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2004/september/30.80.html>

<http://www.biblestudytools.com/blogs/chris-russell/why-doesn-t-god-heal-every-sickness-disease-and-illness.html>

What are ways you have experienced healing from the Lord and how has it pointed you and others to Jesus?

After the healing, Peter preaches the Gospel of Jesus to the crowd. He reminds them of the events related to the crucifixion of Jesus. The tone changed from an indictment against them to a message of hope. Where do you see that and how does it help point people to Jesus?

How does our hope in the resurrection, our future home, and the restoration of all things point us and others to Jesus? (1 Peter 5:10; Rev. 21:1-5; Rom. 15:13)

[living it out]

As you look at your Bible and pray this week, look for things that point to Jesus and capture them by writing in a journal or highlighting. (You will have no problem since we are in John!)

How can you be part of offering healing and hope through Jesus?

As you eat or bless 2 people this week, tell a story of how Jesus has done a healing work in your life or has given you hope in order to point to Jesus.

How do you need healing or hope today? Close in prayer as a group for those requests.