Family Discipleship Resource

May 11-17 (Acts 3:11-26)



G – <u>Gather for Prayer</u>

Father,

Thank you for the treasure of Jesus Christ and the salvation he alone brings. Help me to share this treasure with those around me.

In Jesus' Name, Amen

R – Read the Text (Acts 3:11-26)

¹ While he was clinging to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them at the ¹ portico named Solomon's, completely astonished. ¹² But when Peter saw this, he replied to the people, "Men of Israel, why are you amazed at this, or why are you staring at us, as though by our own power or godliness we had made him walk? ¹³ The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified His ¹ Servant Jesus, the one whom you handed over and disowned in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release Him. ¹⁴ But you disowned the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹ but put to death the ¹ Prince of life, whom God raised from the dead, ¹ fact to which we are witnesses. ¹ And on the basis of faith in His name, it is ¹ the name of Jesus which has strengthened this man whom you see and know; and the faith which comes through Him has given him this perfect health in the presence of you all.

"And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, just as your rulers also did. ¹⁸ But the things which God previously announced by the mouths of all the prophets, that His ^[]Christ would suffer, He has fulfilled in this way. ¹⁹ Therefore repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord; ²⁰ and that He may send Jesus, the ^[]Christ appointed for you, ²¹ whom heaven must receive until the ^[]period of restoration of all things, about which God spoke by the mouths of His holy prophets from ancient times. ²² Moses said, 'The Lord God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your countrymen; to Him you shall listen regarding everything He says to you. ²³ And it shall be that every soul that does not listen to that prophet shall be utterly destroyed from among the people.' ²⁴ And likewise, all the prophets who have spoken from Samuel and his successors onward, have also announced these days. ²⁵ It is you who are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant which God ordained with your fathers, saying to Abraham, 'And in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' ²⁶ God raised up His ^[]Servant for you first, and sent Him to bless you by turning every one of you from your wicked ways."

O – Observe what God has said

Who is Jesus according to Peter?

How are the people encouraged to respond to Peter's Message?

W - Work on Application

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Trash or treasure? Who is Jesus to you? Those who embrace in faith who he is (God made flesh) and what he did (died and rose again), will know much-needed forgiveness, much sought-after meaningful life, and much-anticipated hope in a glorious future. Those who deny this, disowning and denying who Jesus is and what he did, will only know destruction. There really are only two options.

Read Matthew 13:44-46. How might this parable apply to our lives given what Peter preaches here?

<u>Family Weekly Memory Verse:</u> "But the things which God previously announced by the mouths of all the prophets, that His \Christ would suffer, He has fulfilled in this way."-Acts 3:18