

Stop the bus! Responding to God's call

Acts 3:1-26, Growth Group Questions

Read through Acts chapter 3 verses 1-26 and pray that God would be at work by his Spirit during your time together.

1. Can you think of things that would be life changing if they happened to you?
What's the life changing incident that happens in Acts 3?
2. Peter is at pains to tell the crowd that it was not his – or John's – power that resulted in the man's healing, but only faith 'in the name of Jesus'. What do you think this means? How have Peter and John come to have 'faith in his name'?
3. The healing of a well-known lame man in a very public setting becomes the vehicle for spreading the gospel to a whole new audience. What situations might create a similar opportunity for us today?
4. This passage shines a spotlight on the 'big story' of the Bible, repeated by the all the prophets "that his Messiah would suffer" and that this would be for the

salvation of mankind. If you're still considering Jesus' claims, why do you think the Bible speaks so much of Jesus having to suffer and die? How does his suffering offer salvation?

If you're already trusting in Jesus why do you think it's important to keep remembering Jesus suffering and dying in our place?

5. David, at the start of his sermon, spoke of a time someone felt prompted by God to stop the bus when on a coach with other Christians and go and speak to the people in a nearby house. Have you had any 'Stop the Bus' experiences, which you believed either at the time – or later – were promptings of the Holy Spirit?
6. Spend some time praying for each other that you would sense the Spirit's prompting for future 'Stop the Bus' moments and respond as God would have you.