

# Sermon Discussion 09/27/2015

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Acts 3 – “The Refreshment Only God Can Bring” by Drew Hunter

## Sunday's Outline

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Acts 3 is here to show us that God is unleashing refreshment into the world through Jesus. He uses us to spread it as we enjoy Him and invite others into that refreshment

1. The Story of the Sign (v1-11)
2. The Significance of the Sign (v12-26)
  - The Identity of Jesus
  - The Nature of Salvation
  - The Necessity of Conversion
3. A Faithful Presence and Witness

When we are refreshed by God through repentance, we respond through our actions and by sharing the wonderful news of the gospel with others because this mirrors God's heart for us, which is to *bless* us through Jesus Christ.

## Quotations

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"A life of habitual repentance is a discipline integral to healthy holy living" (Packer, *Rediscovering Holiness*, 121).

## Help for Understanding & Application

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- 1) In Matthew 11, Jesus calls those who are weary and burdened to come to him for rest and refreshment. How are you feeling especially weary and burdened? Share with your group a way they can pray for you specifically, that you might receive encouragement and, if needed, wise counsel.
- 2) Acts 3:20 tells us that times of refreshment come from being in the presence of the Lord – not from anything else. Share with the group a recent way the Lord has brought refreshment to you through time spent in His presence.
- 3) Instead of in the Lord's presence, where are you tempted to seek to find rest and refreshment?
- 4) After healing the lame man, what does Peter say to the crowd who are astonished at what has just happened? What is his motivation in explaining what has just happened?
- 5) Peter healing the lame man is referred to later as a sign (4:16, 22). What does this miracle tell us about Jesus (v.12-16)? What does it tell us about salvation (v.17-21)? What does it say about us (v.22-26)?
- 6) Peter concludes this sermon by saying that those who don't believe in Jesus and aren't following his teachings need to be converted (v.26). Define conversion using the terms "repentance" and "faith."
- 7) In light of the J.I. Packer quote above and verses 19-20 from the text, explain the connection between repentance and rest.
- 8) What will it look like for you to take steps toward living a life of repentance? Psalm 32 may be a helpful reference.
- 9) Why must we have both a faithful presence (actions) *and* a faithful witness (words)?