

## Message Outline

Character Study on Simon Peter:

*A Hand Better Than a Handout*

### Acts 3-4:4

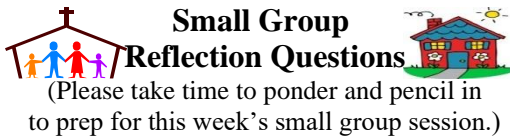


**Intro:** Studying the life of Simon Peter...

- v.1—A habit of prayer puts them in position to take part in miraculous happenings!
- v.2—Key character with a difficult backstory.
- v.3-5—The miracle begins with noticing one another...
- v.6—Acts 2 impact on foot in the mouth Peter.
- v.7-10—Leaping/dancing in church prayer meeting!
- v.11-12a—Crowds start congregating...Peter proclaims Christ...
- v.12-26—The work of Jesus worked into this wonder witnessed...
- v.1-4—No good deed goes unpunished...
  - The Church keeps growing...

### Points from Peter: The Making of a Miracle

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ v.6
  - Story of Thomas Aquinas and the pope...
  - Our power is in the person of Christ, not our purse!
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ v.7
  - Peter received the hand of Jesus before (cf. Mt.14:31).
  - Followers of Jesus look to extend a hand!
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_ v.12-26
  - When life gives you a podium, proclaim Christ!
  - Tua Tagovailoa and 2018 championship...
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_ 4:1-4
  - Not all good actions are rewarded this side of eternity...we follow a *crucified* Savior!
- 5) \_\_\_\_\_ v.4-5
  - Noticing the people God's placed in proximity to us...
  - Praying for eyes to really see people... (cf.Jn.5:6, 9:1).



*Read: John 4*

*\*From this passage, who is Jesus and/or what's this say about life in Him (cf. Jn.20:30-31)?*

*\*What spoke to you this past Sunday (ie. what made you laugh, learn, look deeper at life etc.)?*

*\*Of the five "Points from Peter," which point most spoke to you personally this week? Why?*

*\*The lame man thought he wanted money but got something dramatically different! Is there a time that God gave you what you needed, not what you wanted?*

*\*Peter landed in prison after helping a person. Can you remember a time when you got in trouble for doing something right?*

*\*The miracle started with making eye contact. In a screen time world (ie. cell phones, ZOOM meetings, TV, etc.), how can we teach/practice personal communication? And what do we lose in an impersonal world?*