

October 21

Acts 3:11-26

In this passage, Peter spoke to the crowd that was astonished by the healing of the beggar.

Question to Consider:

Peter was again given the opportunity to share the gospel of Jesus, and he again seized the moment. Do you “seize the moment” to share the love of Jesus when God presents the opportunity?

Prayer:

Gracious God, please forgive me because I know there are many times each week when I could share the love of Jesus, but I choose not to. It may be for selfish reasons or it may be because I didn't see the opportunity. Maybe I was simply too busy. Regardless of the reason, I ask for your forgiveness. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

October 22

Acts 4:1-12

This is the first part of a passage describing the testimony of Peter and John before the Sanhedrin, the Jewish ruling council.

Question to Consider:

Peter told the religious leaders that “there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.” He was referring to Jesus, of course. What does his statement mean to you?

Prayer:

Father God, I give my life to you through Jesus Christ and I give thanks for the gift of forgiveness and eternal life that you offer through him. I pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

October 23

Acts 4:13-22

This is the second part of the passage describing the testimony of Peter and John before the Sanhedrin.

Question to Consider:

Peter and John said that they could not help speaking about what they had seen and heard. When it comes to Jesus, what have you seen and heard? Do you ever speak about it?

Prayer:

Almighty God, Peter and John were so committed to you and also so courageous. They seized opportunities to tell others about Jesus and they stood firm in their faith when they were challenged. I pray for the courage and the will to do the same. I pray in the name of my Savior. Amen.

October 24

Acts 4:23-31

In these verses, we read the prayer that those earliest followers of Jesus prayed after Peter and John had gone before the Sanhedrin.

Question to Consider:

The prayer identifies some great things about God and what He has done. Think about your own relationship with God. What are some great things about God and what He has done – in *your* walk of faith?

Prayer:

Merciful God, you continue to do great things in your world and among your people. I thank you for what you have done in my life, especially (*name some specific things God has done in your life*). I pray that I always have a spirit of gratitude toward you. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

October 25

Acts 4:32-37

These verses describe the incredible generosity of those first century Christians.

Question to Consider:

Read these verses closely and note the sacrifices people were willing to make. Can you think of anyone today who has shown such a sacrificial spirit? Do you think *you* could do that?

Prayer:

Loving God, you have given so much and you call on your people to be generous. I am in awe of those earliest Christians and the generous spirit they embodied. I pray that, with your help, I will also develop the generous spirit that you desire for me. I pray in the name of the One who gave his life, Jesus. Amen.