

Our talks this term are on
the book of Acts: Presence, Power, Purpose

This morning Alice Bond will be speaking on Acts chapter 3

Acts

A community gathered around God's PRESENCE
A community filled with the Holy Spirit POWER
A community with missional PURPOSE

kilometre* back to Jerusalem. ¹³Then they
from the upstairs room of the house
where they were sitting. This is the list of
those who were present:

Peter,
John,
Andrew,
Philip,
Thomas,
Bartholomew,
Matthew,
James (son of Alphaeus),
Simon (the Zealot),
and Judas (son of James).

¹⁴They all met together continually for prayer,
along with Mary the mother of Jesus, several
other women, and the brothers of Jesus.
¹⁵During this time, on a day when about
thirty persons* were present, Peter stood up
and said the following:

Acts 2

The Fellowship of the Believers

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Acts 3

Peter Heals a Lame Beggar

3 One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer—at three in the afternoon. **2** Now a man who was lame from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts. **3** When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. **4** Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, “Look at us!” **5** So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them.

Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.

Discuss our own rhythms of gathering with God's people
which we have found helpful.



3 When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. **4** Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, "Look at us!" **5** So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them. **6** Then Peter said, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk."
7 Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong. **8** He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God.

9 When all the people saw him walking and praising God, 10 they recognized him as the same man who used to sit begging at the temple gate called Beautiful, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

The Promise of the Holy Spirit

1 Dear Theophilus:

In my first book* I told you everything Jesus began to do and teach until the day he ascended to heaven after giving his chosen apostles further instruction from the Holy Spirit. 3 During the time before his crucifixion, he appeared from time to time and showed many ways that

kilometre* back to Jerusalem. 11 He then went to the upstairs room of the house where they were staying. Here is the list of those who were present:

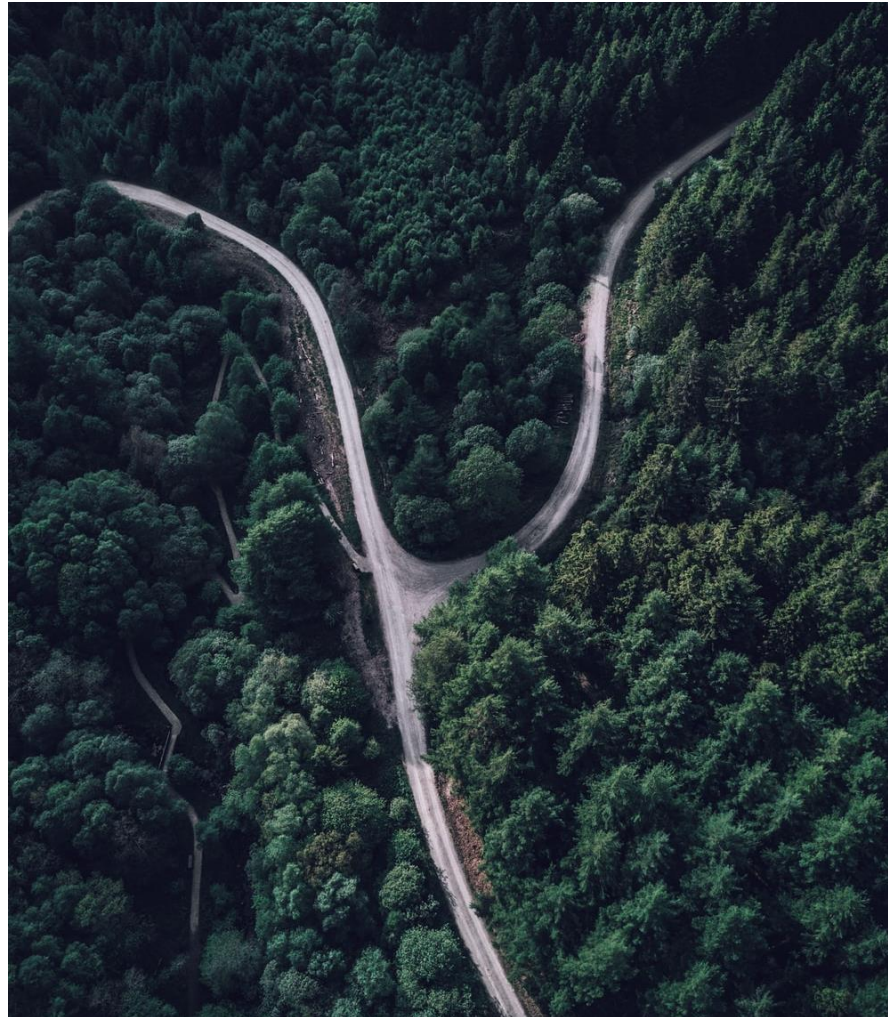
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and Judas (son of James).

14 They all met together continually for prayer, along with Mary the mother of Jesus, several other women, and the brothers of Jesus.

15 During this time, on a day when about thirty disciples* were present, Peter stood up and said the following:

Those who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

Share a surprising Spirit led intervention



Peter Speaks to the Onlookers

¹¹ While the man held on to Peter and John, all the people were astonished and came running to them in the place called Solomon's Colonnade. ¹² When Peter saw this, he said to them: "Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? ¹³ The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. ¹⁴ You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you.

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15 You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this.

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16 By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see.

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17 "Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. **18** But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer.

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In my first letter I told you

everything I began to do and teach

until the day he ascended to heaven

after he had chosen apostles to

replace him. I will tell you of

his crucifixion, his burial, and

his resurrection, and how he

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thirty were present, Peter stood up
and said the following:

19 Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, **20** and that he may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus. **21** Heaven must receive him until the time comes for God to restore everything, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets. **22** For Moses said, ‘The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you must listen to everything he tells you. **23** Anyone who does not listen to him will be completely cut off from their people.’

Acts 4

Peter and John Before the Sanhedrin

4 The priests and the captain of the temple guard and the Sadducees came up to Peter and John while they were speaking to the people. **2** They were greatly disturbed because the apostles were teaching the people, proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead. **3** They seized Peter and John and, because it was evening, they put them in jail until the next day. **4** But many who heard the message believed; so the number of men who believed grew to about five thousand.

Always be ready to give a reason for the hope you have but do this with gentleness and respect.

Share a time recently where you have been given the opportunity to pray for someone who is sick to be healed and / or shared your faith.

