



new life fellowship

Sermon Title: His Name

Speaker: Jason Gaboury – Pastor of Small Groups & Communities

Scriptures: Acts 3:11-20

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

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. 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.

Sermon Summary:

What does it mean to have faith in Jesus' name, not as a formula, but as active trust in his power? This Sunday, we'll continue our journey through the book of Acts, reexamining a familiar miracle as a present-day sign. We will be invited to move from observing the story to living it, embracing a faith that restores and transforms now.

Sermon Questions:

1. Think of a time when you expected something from God — healing, an answer, a change in circumstances — and it didn't come the way you hoped. How did that shape your relationship with God?
2. Pastor Jason framed the sermon around two kinds of disappointment: disappointment with God and disappointment with people. Which of those two resonates more with where you are right now?
3. The sermon drew a distinction between a miracle and a sign. A miracle is a dramatic gift of grace given to a particular person. A sign points to a spiritual reality available to everyone. In your own words, what is the sign in this passage — and what does it mean for you personally?

4. Pastor Jason said: "The sign isn't that if you have faith in Jesus you'll receive a miracle. The sign is this: the gate to life with God is open. Right now. For you." What would it mean for you to step through that gate — or to step further in — this week?

5. The sermon ended with an invitation: "Put your faith in the name of the one who stopped, and looked, and reached down." Who in your life right now needs you to stop, look, and reach down? What is one way you could do that this week?