

Small Group Guide

Week of August 10, 2025



Icebreaker



- Who was your favorite teacher or coach growing up and why?
- What's the most awkward or funniest wedding speech you've ever witnessed?



Discussion Questions



- In Acts 3, Peter redirects the crowd's attention away from himself. How do we sometimes accidentally center ourselves instead of pointing to Jesus?
- "Peter realized he wasn't just holding the microphone—he was the microphone." What does that mean in your life?
- Who in your life is watching you right now—and how can you use your influence for Jesus?
- Has someone ever "clung" to you spiritually? How do you point them to Jesus without carrying the weight of being their Savior?
- Have you ever made a person or moment your spiritual "crutch"? How did that impact your walk with God?
- Why do you think we're often surprised when God moves—even when we've prayed for it?
- What assumptions about God or others do you need to confront?
- Peter says, "You chose Barabbas." What are some modern ways we choose other things over Jesus?
- What does repentance and refreshing look like in your current season?
- How can we balance being grateful for people God used in our lives without depending on them more than we depend on Jesus?
- "Surprise is a spotlight on your assumptions." What have you been surprised by spiritually—and what did it reveal about your expectations of God?



Thought for the Group



When God moves, it often puts us in the spotlight—and how we respond in those moments really matters. In Acts 3, a man who had never walked is miraculously healed through Peter and John. Crowds gather, amazed, and it would've been easy for Peter to soak in the credit. But instead, he quickly redirects the attention to Jesus. Peter reminds us that influence is never meant to elevate us—it's meant to point people to God. Like a microphone doesn't create sound on its own, we're not the source of healing, hope, or truth—we're just the instruments God uses.

This message also challenges the assumptions we hold: assumptions about who God can use, who He can heal, and whether we believe He still moves. Many in the crowd were shocked by the miracle—but Peter exposed their spiritual blind spots. He told them, "You chose Barabbas." And in doing so, reminded them (and us) how often we choose comfort, pride, or sin over Jesus.

But the good news is this: grace still surprises us. Even when we reject God, He offers mercy. Peter invites the crowd to repent—not to be shamed, but to be refreshed. When we turn back to God, He doesn't meet us with judgment—He meets us with renewal.



Next Steps



- Look for one opportunity this week where you're recognized, praised, or given influence—at work, at home, or in your church—and intentionally point the credit back to Jesus. Whether it's through your words, humility, or prayer, practice being the microphone, not the message.
- Identify one limiting belief or assumption you've carried about God—maybe something like "He doesn't still do miracles," "He can't use someone like me," or "I've gone too far." Name it, write it down, and replace it with a truth from Scripture that aligns with God's heart.