

04 SOURCE OF LIFE

KEY TEXT: ACTS 3:1-6,12-20

CENTRAL truth

The good news of Jesus restores us. Because of His sinless life, death, resurrection, and ascension, spiritual healing is available to those who trust in Him. This beautiful truth also physical restoration when He returns—not just for believers, but for all of creation.

key question

The Source of Life allowed Himself to be killed for us. What does this tell us about the character of God?

Think about the irony of this statement. Though Jesus was rejected by fellow Jews, His death and resurrection ensure that all who believe can be saved. This is the pinnacle of God’s kindness, mercy, and generosity to humanity.

keep in mind

- Students may wonder why we pray “in the name of Jesus.” This week’s passage helps us to understand that doing this is not a phrase to slap on the end of prayers to ensure we get God’s attention. Another way of saying “in the name of Jesus” is to say, “by the authority of Jesus.” It’s an invitation, asking Jesus to carry out His perfect will in us and in our world. See this week’s **Theology Note** for more information.
- The idea of being overlooked is likely one students are very familiar with—they probably all feel overlooked at times and at other times are the ones overlooking their peers. In this week’s passage, Peter and John were conduits of God’s mercy toward a man who was overlooked by the community. God desires to extend His kindness to others through us. Challenge students to ask the Spirit for wisdom to see who may be overlooked in their spheres of influence and display God’s kindness toward those people.

application

How can we share the refreshment we’ve experienced in the gospel with other people we know?

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FOR THE STUDENT: Students should understand that the name of Jesus has authority. They can come to the Lord confidently in prayer knowing that the gospel is good news for them right now and extends into eternity. They can enjoy a reconciled relationship with God.

FOR THE LEADER: Leaders have the opportunity to help students understand what it means for God’s people to be conduits of His grace and mercy toward others. The refreshment we’ve received in the gospel should be extended to those around us.

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