

What is in a Name?  
Acts 3-4-October 10, 2011

I. The Power of His Name-Acts 3:1-10

**Lessons Learned**

- 1-The lame man thought he needed money, but what he really needed was Jesus.
- 2-Jesus is in the business of exceeding expectations. (Eph. 3:20)
- 3-God wants to use your transformed life to illustrate His life changing power to others.

II. The Proclamation of His Name-Acts 3:11-26

**Lessons Learned**

- 1-It was not by the power of Peter or John that the lame man was healed...it was by faith in the powerful name of Jesus Christ that the man was transformed and healed.
- 2-Only God can lead you to true repentance.
- 3-No sin takes you beyond the reaches of God's amazing grace.

III. The Persecution for His Name-Acts 4:1-22

**Lessons Learned**

- 1-There will always be opposition to the proclamation of the name of Jesus. Jesus promised it...the apostles experienced and believers today should expect it.
- 2-Man cannot thwart what God has purposed. The messenger can be silenced, but not the message.
- 3-Pray for boldness and strength to stand up for the name of Jesus.

IV. The Prayer in His Name-Acts 4:23-31

**Lessons Learned**

- 1-Prayer is the most necessary weapon in spiritual warfare. It is how a Christian accesses God's power.
- 2-Do not pray for tasks equal to your power...pray for power equal to your tasks.
- 3-Do not pray to change God's mind in heaven...pray that God will change your mind on earth.

*Note: There were no formal Take Aways this week.*