### **Reflections on the Character of God**

The reflection section has 5 scriptures that pertain to this week's aspect of God's character. Take one passage a day and reflect on it in the context you find. Note your insights.

The life response sections give you 2 more verses to ponder. These passages relate to your response to the name, title, or attribute of God. Write down practical responses.

## **God's Power**

Reflection: 2 Chronicles 25:7,8; Psalm 147:1-6; Mark 4:35-41 Romans 1:16,17	;
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Life Response:	
Luke 10:19; Acts 1:8	
Luke 10.19, Acis 1.0	



## A Discipleship Journey - Acts of The Holy Spirit Benefits of Repentance - February 27, 2022

Primary text: Acts 3:11-26

"Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? -vs. 12

Humility is the acceptance of <u>reality</u>.

"Before God can use a man greatly, he must wound him deeply." -Oswald Chambers

The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. -vs. 13

But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. -vs. 14-15

The phrase Holy One is used <u>40 times</u> in the OT in connection with the God of Israel.

And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all. -vs. 16

"And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. -vs. 17

But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that this Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. -vs. 18

Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, -vs. 19

The Greek word translated repent is metanoeō it means - <u>to change</u> one's mind.

The 1st benefit of repentance: Our sins are blotted out

that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, -vs. 20

The 2nd benefit of repentance: Refreshing

whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago. -vs. 21

Moses said, 'The Lord God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your brothers. You shall listen to him in whatever he tells you. -vs. 22

And it shall be that every soul who does not listen to that prophet shall be destroyed from the people. -vs. 23

The 3rd benefit of repentance: Spared from judgment

And all the prophets who have spoken, from Samuel and those who came after him, also proclaimed these days. -vs. 24

You are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant that God made with your fathers, saying to Abraham, 'And in your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed.' -vs. 25

God, having raised up his servant, sent him to you first, to bless you by turning every one of you from your wickedness. -vs. 26

The 4th benefit of repentance: <u>Turning from wickedness</u>.

#### **Discussion Questions:**

### Begin by reading Acts 3:1-10

- 1. What led up to this sermon by Peter?
- 2. What is the very first thing that Peter declares? Why is that important?
- 3. What's wrong with the idea of a god who grants our wishes?
- 4. What was the message behind the lame man's "perfect health"?
- 5. What did all the prophets foretell?
- 6. What happens when we repent and turn to Jesus? What are the benefits of repentance?

# Close in Prayer:

Pray that Gracepoint would be a place of repentance where people would turn away from sin and to God through the work of Jesus Christ. Ask God to give you a heart of repentance.