

**October 22, 2017**

**Main Text-Acts 3:1-10**

**Optional Ice Breaker – Blindfolded Trust Falls**

This one may take some coaxing, but it is a lot of fun! Blindfold a volunteer, or ask them to keep their eyes shut. Spin them around a couple of times, then quietly position someone to catch them. Once everyone is in position, tell the volunteer to let themselves fall backwards. It’s a great way to illustrate a “step of faith”.

**The BIG IDEA:**

God’s Kingdom is not made up of words, but of power. We use that power through faith.

**Getting in the Word**

Read through Acts 3:1-10. Have someone briefly summarize the story. Is anyone surprised by the miracle Peter & John performed? Why or why not?

At this point in their lives, Peter & John were apostles and spiritual leaders though they weren’t always like this. Read Matthew 17:14-20. What were they lacking that made them too weak heal the boy? Why do you think Jesus had so much more faith?

Comparing the two passages you’ve read, what happened to Peter & John that gave them so much more power? Let everyone discuss this question. *The answer is their faith grew between Matthew 17 and Acts 3.* Why do you think having faith is so important to God?

John 14:12 says, “I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works...” What would happen if we trusted everything to Jesus? What do you think is holding us back from believing in Jesus this much?

Do you think Christians often lose faith in God? Why or why not? If so, how can we get it back?

**Take Away**

Power comes through faith. What steps of faith can you take this week to grow your spiritual muscles?