

The Witness Mindset: Expectancy

Text: Acts 3:1-10

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Big Idea: To live as faithful witnesses for Christ, we must live expectant for the work of Christ.

Context is key!

Question #1 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What is going on in the text?

- a) What is the setting and what is happening?
- b) Who are the main characters?
- c) Are there any words/phrases that are repeated?

Question #2 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What does the text say about God and about me?

- a) Is God saying or showing something about Himself? If so, what?
- b) Do the words in the text predict, prophesy or picture something about Jesus? If so, what?
- c) Is God saying or showing something about us? If so, what?
- d) Does the text point to my need for Jesus? How?

Question #3 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What are the principles, commands or promises given?

- a) What is the overall theme of the text?
- b) Does the passage include any promise from God? If so, what?

Question #4 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What is the application?

- a) What is one specific way I can live by these truths, or trust in these promises today?
- b) What is the next step that I need to take to see this happen?

Question #5

- a) What are some tools that God has given us, that will help grow our expectancy for His work?
- b) Spend time in prayer as a group for one another in your day by day witness to those around you.

Prayer Application

Spend time as a group or in accountability praying out of Acts 3:1-10. Some prompts are below.

- a) ADORATION: Jesus I praise you because you...
- b) CONFESSION: Jesus, I confess...i) My unbelief in_____ ii) My dependency on_____ and not You
- c) THANKSGIVING: Jesus, I thank you for giving the Holy Spirit who...
- d) SUPPLICATION: Jesus, I ask you: i) To help me live with an expectant mindset for your work ii) Depend on You alone in my witness iii) To bring_____ to salvation!

Memory Verse:

"But Peter said, 'I have no silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk!'"-Acts 3:7

