



BETWEEN SUNDAYS ...IN JESUS' NAME

In 1913 a London newspaper read, “Men wanted for very hazardous journey. Small wages, bitter cold, long months of complete darkness, constant danger, safe return doubtful. Honor and recognition await in case of success.” It was signed by the famous South Pole explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton. Hundreds of men responded for the **privilege to serve under his name!** Jesus has issued a far greater call and rewarding challenge to His ALL IN men. “Men wanted for the humanly impossible task of building My church. Must be willing to die to self and to live for Me. Will be judged, avoided, reviled, ridiculed, misunderstood, persecuted by those you seek to love and reach. Some will be killed, many imprisoned, all attacked by our unseen spiritual enemy. Full results of your difficult labor seen only upon your death. Will cost you everything: Humble servants only. **Your only reward is serving in My Name.**” Millions of men have responded for this honor! of serving under and dying for His name! (Mt 28:18-20; Phil 2:9-11; II Cor 11:23-28; Heb 11:1-40; II Tim 1:8-10). **What is your response to these adds? Is the current purpose and daily passion of your heart of eternal value and worth giving your life to?**

READ ACTS 3:1-4:22 What inspires you about these ALL IN men?

(Acts 3:6, 16; 4:7, 10, 12, 17-18, 29-30; 5:28, 40-41; 8:12, 16; 9:14-15, 27; 10:43, 48; 15:26; 16:18; 19:5; 17; 21:13; 22:16; 26:9) What do the following verses have in common and what do they tell you about these early ALL IN men?

What does it mean to do anything “in Jesus’ name”?

(John 14:13-14; 15:16; 16:23-26) What did Jesus promise to do in His name? Why is this so powerful and how can you experience it?

“Go in His **ability...grow in your availability!**” Where do you see this principle in our theme passage? What powerful prayer of availability is given in the following verses? (Gen 22:1, 11; 31:11; Ex 33:4; I Sam 3:4; Acts 9:10) How have you made yourself available to God by trusting in His ability? You can’t take the ‘GO’ out of Gospel.

(Acts 3:1) What exciting things happen when you make yourself available to God in prayer? Which is the greater miracle: a lame man walking or a sinful man talking of his new salvation? When is the last time you proclaimed the miracle of God’s grace in your life?

(Acts 3:1-9) How does serving others in Jesus’ name show a great value for them as individuals in a culture that judges others based on their performance, productivity, position or possessions? The world is watching to see how we handle social issues and love hurting people who are different from us. They have a right to expect something from us Kids of the King. Hey, are you too busy for ‘beggars’? Mk 10:49

(Acts 3:11-26) Think of a friend or family member who is not yet rightly related to God through Christ. What part of Peter’s message do they need to hear from you? What part of his message will be hardest for you to tell and for them to hear? Do they follow a **Religion** (God will love me if I change) or the **Gospel** (God’s love will change me)?

(Acts 3:8-12; 4:12-13) Why is a changed life a powerful defense for the Christian faith? Describe a specific way in which God has transformed your thinking, emotions, attitude, behavior, relationships, priorities or sinful pattern that He can use to show others that Christ is real. Is God using these changes in your life like He did with the ALL IN men in the book of Acts.



ASSIGNMENT Work your way through the above passages in order to answer the provocative questions. Come ready to share with the men in your Forum what difference living “in Jesus’ name” makes instead of cranking life out with your own resources. (1Cor 10:31)

TAG TEAM DISCUSSION Jesus called His ALL IN men to pray “in His Name” (John 14:13-14; 15:16; 16:23-26). What does this mean and what does it look like between Sundays? How do you think Jesus would like to change your life this week according to the authority of His name? Pray together.

Wife texts husband on a cold, winter morning: “Window frozen; won’t open!” Husband texts: “Pour warm water on it

and gently tap edges with a hammer.” Wife responds minutes later: “Computer really messed up now!”