

Argyle LifeGroup Study Guide, Acts, part 8, 08-01-2021

1. Read Acts 3:1-10

2. Life is not _____. Our faith has been tested. Our trust has been tried.

But sometimes the adversity is so great, the problem is so big, no amount of work, dedication or ability on our part will see us through.

That's the kind of situation we are looking at today.

Nothing short of a miracle of God has a chance.

3. Peter, James and John were part of what came to be known as, the _____ of the 12 disciples. In the ministry, in the work of the church, there are volunteers who earn the trust of the leadership. Because of their faithfulness and dedication, their unselfish and willingness to serve, they are the people that the pastor's can ask to do something and it get's done, and it gets done right.

Thank God we have some of these wonderful servants at Argyle.

4. When a Jew became a Christian, when a Jew became a Christ follower , they did not quit being Jewish. In fact, their Jewish beliefs became even more special because they now understand how Jesus Christ _____ the law.

5. Prayer was an important part of the Jewish faith. Another important part of their worship, was the giving of alms. The giving of alms is an act of charity where money or things are given to help the less fortunate.

"Alms" comes from a Greek word that means "mercy".

Read Matthew 6:1-4

6. Most of us, sadly to say, understand what it means to look away from someone in need. We are waiting for the light to change during that uneasy moment when you wonder how to help. Most of us have also experienced our help being refused, because it's not the form of help they want. Giving money is usually a mistake as it is often abused. Giving away the Blessing Bags we pack at church for the homeless is a good thing to give away.

7. Most of us have been taught to pray in Jesus name. And maybe it has become so common to us, that it has lost much of it's meaning.

Read John 16:23

Jesus gives His followers the authority to act in His name. It's like having a power of attorney. But we must understand what it means to act in the power of the name of Jesus.

8. When we ask for something in Jesus name, it's as if Jesus Himself were asking for it. If we remember that, it will keep us from asking for things that are not worthy of His name.