

1. The early Christian community

- a) Acts 2:42
 - i) Teaching (in the Temple v.46)
 - ii) Fellowship
 - iii) Breaking of bread (communion and meals)
 - iv) Prayers
- b) Think about your local church. Which of these elements are high priority and which ones need greater emphasis?
- c) What other characteristics of the early Christian community are noted in Acts 2:43–45?

2. The healing of a lame man

- a) Acts 3:1–10, what parts of this story impact you the most?
- b) Acts 3:12–26, Peter noticed the reaction of the crowd and seized the opportunity to preach about Jesus. What are the key points he emphasized?
- c) In less than 3 minutes, a former fisherman presented a compelling Christ-centered appeal to his hearers. Was his response spontaneous or prepared? Matthew 10:18–20

3. The rise of opposition

- a) Acts 4:1–12, Peter and John arrested and testify
- b) Acts 4:13–18, the response of the Jewish leaders
- c) Acts 4:19–20, Peter’s powerful testimony
- d) Acts 4:21–31, attempts to hinder the work of God.
- e) Share a time when someone tried to intimidate you as a follower of Jesus.

4. Ananias and Sapphira

- a) The context, Acts 4:32–37
- b) The attempted deception, Acts 5:1–2
- c) The tragic consequences, Acts 5:1–10
- d) How did this incident in the early Christian church impact those who witnessed or heard it? Acts 5:11

5. Supernatural manifestations

- a) Acts 5:12–16, how do you respond to these supernatural manifestations?
- b) Why were the religious leaders indignant? Acts 5:17–18
- c) Acts 5:19–23, supernatural deliverance
- d) Acts 5:24–33, continued opposition provides another opportunity for a powerful testimony
- e) Acts 5:34–40, what important lessons can we learn from the testimony of Gamaliel, one of the distinguished teachers of Saul of Tarsus?
- f) How did the apostles respond to the fierce and relentless opposition of the Jewish leaders? Acts 5:41–42
- g) How does this story impact your life today?

