

“Be on the Lookout for Opportunities”

Acts 3:11-26

Tuesday Bible Lunch

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Introduction: If I told you to be on the lookout for snakes, you would know exactly what to look for. If I told you to be the lookout for glass, you would know what to look for. If I told you to be on the lookout for heavy traffic in Houston, you would know what to look for. If I told you to be on the lookout for opportunities, it would not be so obvious. We recognize snakes and glass and heavy traffic, but we do not always recognize opportunities.

- Life is filled with opportunities.
- We need to see them
- We need to take advantage of them.

T.S. in our Scripture today, we see opportunities that Peter had.

Text: Acts chapter 3

Background:

- Peter and John had gone to the Temple to pray (3:1).
- A man who was lame from birth was at the Temple gate asking for alms (gifts) (3:2).
- He asked Peter and John for alms (3:3).
- Peter said . . . (3:6-10)

1. We need to see opportunities in our circumstances.

- Peter did that with the lame man (3:6).
- He did it with the crowd that ran to him (3:11).
- Peter saw opportunity to preach the gospel (3:12-26).
- Verse 19 is the theme of Peter’s sermon.
- Peter “saw” the opportunity and he also “seized” the opportunity.

Application: We need to see the opportunities that God gives us in our circumstances, and then we need to seize them.

Illustration: If for example you have a physical problem. That is your circumstance. You see it. Seize the opportunity to exhibit faith and trust in God. The same with whatever your circumstance.

Illustration: You see a family in need of encouragement. Seize the opportunity to encourage them.

Illustration: Last Thursday night Dottie and I learned of a circumstance. We seized the opportunity to help. In doing so, a police officer did the same thing for us. (To hear the story, listen to the message on www.fbp.org).

Conclusion: You are somewhere in life. That is your circumstance. It is also your opportunity. Recognize it and give God the credit. This is what Peter did (3:16).