

Digging Deeper: Acts 3:12–26

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Day 1

Pray to God for understanding. A helpful way to dig deeper into God's Word is to read the same verse(s) in different Bible translations. Popular translations are NIV, NLT, ESV, NASB, and The Message. Bible reading apps on your smartphone or computer often have these versions available so you can read the same verses back to back in different translations for helpful context and understanding. You can also use the website biblehub.com for this purpose, it's free. Check out this URL to read the verses [Acts 3:12–26](#) in a number of different translations verse-by-verse about what Peter says to the people.

Day 2

Pray. Praise God! Thank Him for all He has done for you. Ask God for the forgiveness of sin in your life. Read Acts 3:12–26. In verse 13, Peter chooses a historic phrasing to describe God. Check out [Exodus 3:13–15](#). Why do you think Peter chose to describe God this way? Peter uses the word "servant" to describe Jesus when he could have called Him God's Son. What purpose did this serve Peter when addressing the people of Israel about Jesus? See Isaiah 42:1, Matthew 12:18, Isaiah 52:13, and Isaiah 53:11.

Day 3

Find a quiet place. Settle your mind and spirit. Make time and space to listen for the Holy Spirit and learn from Him. Bring your requests to God. Read Acts 3:12–26. Peter summarizes Jesus' crucifixion story in verses 13 to 16, which would still be fresh on everyone's mind (see Luke 23). In these verses, Peter shares a number of significant things about Jesus. How many can you list out?

Day 4

Pray and ask God how you are supposed to be a good friend and neighbor today. Read Acts 3:12–26. In verses 17 and 18, Peter acknowledges that we all start out with ignorance of Jesus and sin in our lives. He shares God's promises in verses 19 and 20. Think of a time in your life when you were previously ignorant of Jesus and your sin, and after learning about and getting to know Jesus, how have you changed and how are you feeling about your life now?

Day 5

Pray. Ask God who it is you are supposed to encourage today. Check in with them, call, text, or send a note and share an encouraging word. Read Acts 3:12–26. In verses 19 and 20, what does Peter promise will happen if we repent and turn towards Jesus?

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