### PURSUNG OUR MISSION God's Rescue Squad Acts 3:1-26



#### EMT – Emergency Medical Technician

- Arriving at the emergency scene:
  - 1. Identify/assess the need
  - 2. Stabilize the situation
  - 3. Get to more qualified help



 See hurting people (vs. 1-5).
 Sense real problems (vs. 6-11).
 Seize ministry opportunities (vs. 12-26).

- 1. The gift of healing was given during this transition time from the Old Testament law to the New Testament covenant of grace to prove the <u>authenticity</u> of the prophet and his message.
- 2. As the New Testament was finalized in written form, this miraculous <u>authentication</u> was no longer necessary – we can determine who speaks for God by comparing their teaching with Scripture.
- 3. Jesus and the apostles' healing gift dealt with blindness, deafness, paralysis, leprosy, etc.
- 4. The early church was not a miracle-working church, but a church with miracle working apostles.

## Peter's Challenge

**1. He talks about Christ** (vs. 12-18).

2. He talks about repentance and what happens when we repent (vs. 19-26).
God will forgive your sin (vs. 19).
Judgment will be avoided (vs. 22-24).
Blessing will be realized (vs. 25-26).



# Have you been searching for real peace?

Jesus says ... "Peace I leave with you, my peace give I unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." John 14:27

## Have you been looking for rest from the pressures of life?

Jesus says ... "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly of heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." Matthew 11:28-30

Have you been searching for relief from the guilt of your sin and your past? Jesus offers forgiveness ... "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9