

Acts 3:1-10

June 15, 2025



CONVERSATION STARTERS

- What are some highs or lows you experienced this past week?
- What Scripture has been shaping you recently?
- Where have you seen God moving in your life this week?
- What did you hear in today's sermon OR read in today's passage that you would like to discuss?
- What did you learn about yourself in today's sermon/passage?
- What did you learn about God in today's sermon/passage?
- What convicted you as you listened to today's sermon OR read in today's passage?

INTRODUCTION

As your group time begins, use this section to introduce the topic of discussion.

In our reading today, we're going to read about a time when Peter and John healed a lame man at the temple gate.

What have we learned about so far in our study of Acts?

What stands out to you about the way God has used His people?

DISCUSSION

🌱 ASK A VOLUNTEER TO READ ACTS 3:1-10.

What are we told about the man introduced in these verses?

Why do you think Peter and John went to the temple to pray, even though they could pray any time anywhere because of Jesus?

Why might the temple gate be an ideal spot to beg?

How was Peter and John's response different from what the man expected?

What are some ways we might be content to receive less than Jesus's best for us in daily life?

Why does it matter that this act was done in Jesus's name?

How did the lame man react to being healed? How did the people around him react to this miracle?

How did this give further opportunity to share the gospel?

GOING DEEPER

Where do you feel in need of God today for healing or something else?

How can you seek this healing and rely on Him to respond in the way that is best?

APPLICATION

What can we learn from the lame man's response about how to respond when God works powerfully in our lives?

What can we learn from Peter's response to the lame man at the temple? How does this inform what needy people around us need most of all?

Who could you share this story with as a way of telling them about Jesus?

PRAYER

Thank God for working powerfully in the lives of His people, both today and in the accounts we read in Scripture. Ask Him for help walking through the doors He opens for us to glorify Him. Ask for His help as you continue in Acts, that you may grow closer to Him and learn more about His character daily.

LOOKING AHEAD

Encourage your group to look ahead as we continue the series on Acts next week.

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COMMENTARY

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3:1 Peter and John continued to participate in Jewish rituals and worship, and early Christians regularly gathered in the temple (2:46). This is fitting, for Christianity began as a form of contemporary Judaism that accepted Jesus as Messiah. The beginning stages of the church's separation from Judaism are recounted in Acts as Christian leaders such as Peter and Paul continued boldly to proclaim Jesus as Messiah. The full and final split of Christianity from Judaism came by the time of the first Jewish revolt against Rome (AD 66–70).

3:2 This is the first healing miracle in Acts. The man was lame from birth and was daily carried to the temple gate called Beautiful so he could beg for money. In the era before governmental aid for needy persons, it was the kindness of strangers and loved ones that kept men such as this alive.

3:3–6 It is good for the lame man that Peter and John did not have either silver or gold to hand out, for what they did have to offer was of far greater value—healing power through Jesus Christ. Rather than a temporary fix, the man was given a permanent remedy for his physical and spiritual problems.

3:7 The book of Acts recounts several healing miracles (e.g., 9:32–34, 36–42). During the Hellenistic period, knowledge of science and medicine was advanced enough that the bystanders recognized without a doubt that Peter had enacted a miracle. The mention of the strengthening of the lame man's feet and ankles may provide indirect support for the traditional view that the author, Luke, was a physician.

3:8–11 The sight attracted a great deal of attention. The response was awe and astonishment.