

## **Bible Summary - Acts 3:1-10**

How do you know when God wants you to help someone? How do we know when it is the leading of the Holy Spirit and not a human response? In Acts 3 we see Peter and John helping a man who they had previously walked by many times. Additionally, it would appear that even Jesus didn't heal this man because his healing was needed at a certain time in history. Acts 3 gives us some clues on how to walk in step with the leading of the Holy Spirit. First, Peter and John had a pattern of preparedness through prayer. Second, they paid attention to this man. They didn't walk by but made eye contact and gave a moment of their time to this man. Third, they gave what they had. We often don't move in the Spirit because we are focused on our lack instead of what has been entrusted to us. Fourth, they acted in the name of Jesus. He is the motivation for ministry. God took these simple men of faith and this chapter starts the explosion of the church into the known world.

Scriptures: Acts 3:1-10, 1 Peter 3:15, Acts 3:16, 4:4; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11, Ephesians 2:10

## **Bible Questions and Application**

(These are here as an aid in facilitating conversation.

There is no obligation to run through every question listed.)

1. Would you be willing to share about a time where God did a miracle through you?
2. Peter and John were prepared to minister to the crippled beggar in Acts 3. What have you been doing to keep yourself prepared for spiritual opportunities that may arise today?
3. I Thessalonians 5:19 says do not quench the Spirit's fire. What are the obstacles (excuses) that keep us from seeing people as people and reaching out to them?
  - a. Do we pack our schedules so tight that you don't leave time to respond to the Spirit's promptings?
4. Do you have an example of a time that your heart was broken for someone or something and it led to action?
5. If it takes a broken heart to see the needs around us, what can we do to develop more tender hearts?
6. In light of today's message, is there something specific the Lord is prompting you to get involved in?
  - a. Is there a person that is in your everyday path that God is prompting you to invest in?
7. What's the difference between secular social justice and doing good works in the name of Christ? (Ephesians 2:10)
8. What can we do to bring the name of Jesus into our everyday conversations more often?

Have you practiced being able to share the gospel in 60 seconds or less? Have you had an opportunity to share it with anyone?