

king's chapel

Community Group Discussion Guide

Week October 27, 2013

This Week's Focus: The first miracle.

This Week's Text: Acts 3:1-26

*Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age. **Matthew 28:19-20***

*We exist to glorify God by living on mission with Him in making disciples through gospel centered worship, transformation and community. **King's Chapel***

Related Texts: Isaiah 35:1-6, Luke 5:17-26, 2 Timothy 4:20, 2 Corinthians 12:7-9

Observations and Questions for Discussion:

- How has God spoken to you regarding the sermon and/or text?
- Discuss the context of this passage. Where are Peter and John going? Why?
- What would it have been like physically, emotionally and spiritually for this man to be lame for 40 years?
- What does he ask for? Was it what he really needed? What did he really need?
- How many people ask or seek for things not essential to their deepest needs? Why don't they seek what is essential?
- Why didn't Peter and John just ignore this guy? Who are the "needy-outcast" people- physically, emotionally, relationally or spiritually- in our lives?
- In verse 5 it says "And he began giving his attention, expecting to receive something from them." How are we like the lame beggar in this passage?
- In verse 6 Peter says, "I have no silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you." What do we have to offer the Lord and our community, besides our monetary gifts and offerings?

- Are we willing to love, serve and care for people so that we can see this kind of transformation in the people around us?
- What do you think happened to this man's heart and his relationship with God?
- In verse 10 the crowd is staring at Peter and John. What do you suppose they are thinking?
- Why do you think Peter wants to make clear that the healing of the lame man was God's work and not his or John's? How difficult is it for you not to take the credit for things that God is doing in your life?
- Read and discuss the "Christ-centeredness" in Peter's sermon. What names and titles does he use? What do they tell us about Jesus? Reference Isaiah 35:1-6 and 52:13-53:12.
- How does Peter prove from the Bible that Jesus is the Messiah? Where did Peter learn all this? What is the importance of seeing the centrality of Christ in the Old Testament?
- Peter calls the crowd to repentance. Why? What does he say will be the results of repenting and receiving Christ?
- According to Scripture not everyone is healed in this life. Reference 2 Timothy 4:20 and 2 Corinthians 12:7-9. What does this miracle point to? Reference Acts 3:21 and Romans 8:18-25. How does this give you hope in your life? How does that give you hope in serving others?
- Following the healing of the beggar, Peter takes advantage of the platform he has and he presents the gospel. Are we taking advantage of our opportunities in our interactions with others? If possible, describe a time in your life where you were able to seize the moment and share Christ.

Gospel Celebration:

- Jesus Christ has Risen from the dead will return and restore and renew all things.
- It's all about Jesus. Rehearse the gospel to yourself and demonstrate it and declare it to others.

Prayer Focus:

- Pray for opportunities to witness to others concerning the person and work of Jesus.

Next Week's Text: Acts 4.