

6. Peter's speech is intended to explain the deeper reality of the miracle that just happened. He urged his audience to repent. What will happen if they repent (3:19-21, 26)? How does the healing miracle that occurred in the beggar's life illustrate and represent the new life that comes to those who repent?

Sermon Notes

"Compassion to the Least of These"

Acts 3

October 14, 2018

Let's Pray:

For our missionaries:

Jeff Sprecher, Mission Impact, Guatemala

Pray for the Sprechers and Mission Impact as there was much devastation from volcanic eruption. They ask for prayer as they look for ways to obtain land to rebuild homes, provide water filters, fuel efficient stoves and cisterns for those affected, and to share the Gospel.

Praise Jesus as the Servant of the Lord, the Author of Life, the Prophet like Moses, the Holy and Righteous One. Thank God for sending first Jesus and then the Spirit to empower you.

Growth Group Homework

For the week of 10-14-18

Questions adapted from Phyllis J. Le Peau, Acts: Seeing God's Power in Action, A LifeGuide Bible Study, InterVarsity Press, Downers Grove, IL, 2002, pp. 14-16; James Galvin, ed., et al., New Testament Lesson Maker, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1992, pp. 191; Karen Lee-Thorp, ed., Acts: Life Change Series, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1987, pp. 47-54.

Getting Started:

1. If a stranger were to ask you for a handout, what would you most likely do? Why?

Digging Deeper:

Read Acts 3.

2. The beggar asked for money (3:3), but Peter and John met quite a different need.
 - a. What purposes did the physical healing serve in Acts 3? (See Acts 3:8-13, 16.)
 - b. Why do you think Peter and John healed the beggar physically instead of just either giving him money or offering him spiritual salvation?

- c. Does 3:1-10 set any example for our priorities or mission today? If so, how? If not, why not?

3. How does the former cripple respond to his healing (3:8)? Is there an example here for us? Have you experienced any kind of healing by Jesus' power? If so, how should that affect what you do?
4. According to Peter, how was this healing possible (3:16)? Why is it important to us that the apostles did not need their own power or exceptional godliness to heal the beggar (3:12)?
5. How did Peter describe Jesus in this speech (3:13-15, 22)? Using a commentary or study Bible, write a sentence or two explaining the significance of each of these descriptors.