



## Passage: Acts 3:1-10

<sup>1</sup>One afternoon Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. <sup>2</sup>And a man who was lame from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those entering the temple courts. <sup>3</sup>When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. <sup>4</sup>Peter looked directly at him, as did John. “Look at us!” said Peter. <sup>5</sup>So the man gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them. <sup>6</sup>But Peter said, “Silver or gold I do not have, but what I have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, get up and walk!” <sup>7</sup>Taking him by the right hand, Peter helped him up, and at once the man’s feet and ankles were made strong. <sup>8</sup>He sprang to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and leaping and praising God. <sup>9</sup>When all the people saw him walking and praising God, <sup>10</sup>they recognized him as the man who used to sit begging at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

## Background

In our final message in the *Nice To Meet You* series, we take a look at a moment in the life of Peter and John in which they had an unexpected opportunity to both meet a physical and spiritual need. With no money to help the man in need, Peter and John didn’t simply pass him by. Instead, they gave him the best they had – Jesus – and the man received a healing that money could never buy. As we consider the ways we should be prepared to SHARE Christ in any circumstance, may we all be reminded that followers of Jesus have the greatest gift to give to others – hope in a risen Savior!

## Service Notes

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**What is your biggest takeaway from today’s message?**

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## DISCUSSION GUIDE

### Instructions

*This discussion guide is to help you facilitate a conversation with your small group. The “Getting Started” section serves as a quick opener and introduction to the group conversation. In the “Talk it Over” section, feel free to use all or only some of the questions. Again, our hope is to have meaningful and encouraging conversations around the passage used in the sermon, not simply answer all the questions. Give each member of your group opportunity to respond. Take your time. Finally, the “Live it Out” section is to help identify a specific next step. Use these questions as a guide to find practical ways to apply the passage to our everyday life.*

### Getting Started

- ▼ What stood out to you in the message? What is one thought from the message that made you hopeful? What prompted questions? How can we pray for you this week?

### Talk it Over

- ▼ **Read Acts 3:1-8.** How does Luke describe the man who was begging outside of the Temple? How would his physical condition affect his daily life? Why would Luke tell us Peter “looked directly” (intentional / full attention) at the lame beggar? How do you believe this affected the lame man in the moment? While giving alms would have been an act of obedience to the law, why was healing even more remarkable? What can we learn from the way Peter spoke to the man?
- ▼ **Read Acts 3:9-10.** How did the people respond to the man’s healing? What does their reaction teach us about the way God works in and through his people? How does this story parallel what we saw in the story of the woman at the well from last week (John 4)?
- ▼ **Read Acts 3:11-26.** Throughout the NT, supernatural miracles lead to salvation messages. Peter took the moment to share the hope of Jesus with the crowds. How did his sermon share both the “bad” and “good” news of the Gospel? How did Peter defer attention from himself and point others to Jesus? What can we learn from Peter’s sermon to apply in our life today?

### Live it Out

- ▼ In what ways were you able to take action on any of the S.H.A.R.E steps? What did God teach you? Take a few moments to share with the group.

