

Message Study Guide

(Scriptures & quotes from this week's message are available on thorncreek.church/live)

Warming up

1. What does your name mean? Does it describe your character?

Digging Deeper & Application

Take your time reading the scripture given. If possible look up the verses in different versions and pause at each verse and discuss it.

2. According to Acts 3:2, who was brought to church? How long had this man been lame? What was his purpose for coming to church?
3. The Jewish historian Josephus described this gate on the temple mount; made of fine Corinthian brass, seventy-five feet high with huge double doors, so beautiful that it "greatly excelled those that were only covered over with silver and gold."
4. This lame man was at a beautiful place in an ugly condition. Have you ever had an ugly problem in a beautiful place?
5. What do you do when you have a problem so long that it becomes a way of life? Can you think of a problem (car problem, house problem, health problem) that you lived with and how it affected other areas of your life? Talk about it.
6. Spiritual problems can be spiritually dangers. TD Jakes said, "If you don't fix that one area of immorality in your life. It will eat through the rest of your life and become a spiritual epidemic in your life. You'll eventually be compromising and doing things that you never thought you would."
7. One of the strategies of the devil is he wants to convince you that your spiritual condition is who you are. You can't be delivered from it. But, God wants to transform you. Do you believe God can transform you today?

8. According to Acts 3:3, what did the lame man want? Have you ever made the mistake of wanting something that you don't need? Is it possible to attend church with no expectation of a miracle? What condition or circumstance would you love God to free you from?

9. Continue reading Acts 3:4-7. What name did Peter and John use? What was asked from the lame man to receive this miracle? What do you think about about the man's feet and ankles being, "instantly healed and strengthened?" Have you ever tried to walk after your leg fell asleep? How'd that go?

10. What does Acts 3:8 say to you? One Bible Scholar said, "The word 'leaping up' describes the coming suddenly into socket of something that was out of place, the articulation of a joint."

11. What did the people think in Acts 3:9-12?

12. What did Peter and John say about the power of Jesus name in Acts 3:16-20?

13. According to Acts 4:1-18, what did this miracle cause?

14. What did Peter and John pray for in Acts 4:29-31? Are you bold in your faith? Are you bold for Jesus? Make that your prayer today!

Application

Below are some of the points shared in the message. Discuss how they apply to your life.

- The greatest miracles of your life will happen on the journey not the destination.
- Don't pass by an opportunity to touch someone's life in the name of Jesus.
- A real encounter with God will enable you to do something that you didn't think you could do.