

1. Share about a time when you expected one thing—but received something completely different (and maybe better). What happened?

*(Transition: In Acts 3, a lame man expected money—but received healing and new life instead.)*

### **Acts 3:1–5 – The Scene**

2. Peter and John “directed their gaze” at the lame man instead of ignoring him.

- Why do you think this detail matters?
- How does our culture typically respond to people in visible need—and how does this challenge us?

**Follow-up:** What might it look like for us to truly “see” people the way Peter and John did?

### **Acts 3:6–10 – The Miracle**

3. The man expected silver and gold, but Peter offered him Jesus.

- What does this teach us about:
- What people think they need?
- What they actually need?
- Where are we tempted to offer temporary relief instead of pointing people to Christ?

### **Acts 3:12–16 – The Sermon**

4. The crowd was amazed—but for the wrong reason. They focused on Peter and John instead of Jesus.

- Why is it so easy to admire the messenger and miss the message?
- How can we make sure Jesus—not ourselves—gets the credit in our lives?

**Optional deeper thought:** Peter boldly confronts their sin (“you killed the Author of life”). What does this teach us about how truth and love work together?

### **Acts 3:17–18 – Ignorance and Responsibility**

5. Peter says they acted in ignorance—but still calls them to repent.

- Why isn't ignorance an excuse for sin?
- Where do people today rely on “not knowing” as a defense against God?
- How does this passage challenge common ideas about accountability and truth?

### **Acts 3:19 – The Invitation**

6. Peter ends with hope: “Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out.”

- What does true repentance look like practically?
- How does the promise of having our sins “blotted out” encourage you personally?

**Final reflection:** Where might God be calling you to turn back to Him this week?