

"It's Not Over" HOPE GROUP STUDY - Week of May 5, 2024 Let's review this week's message, "Down but Not Out"

1 Let's Talk & Pray

Ask everyone to share the following: <u>What is one habit or problem that makes</u> <u>you feel stuck? Why?</u> After everyone has shared, pray for your time together.

2 Let's Read the Word

Acts 3:1-10; Acts 4:13-22 Proverbs 29:18

3 Let's Review the Main Idea

Have you ever gotten stuck somewhere? In a line, or at the airport or in traffic? And you tried to get to your destination in time, but it just seemed that things were in the way? We get frustrated when we're stuck! Physically we get frustrated, and we at times may feel stuck *spiritually*. And, no matter what we face in life that may make us feel *spiritually* stuck, God is ready to help us:

- LOOK up to get up
- GIVE up to go up
- STAND up to get unstuck

4 Let's Think

- Put yourself in the place of the lame man who begged every day. What do you imagine life would have been like for you?
- How do you think he was treated by people going to the temple? Why do you think he was placed there every day?
- What did he seem to be focused on?

5 Let's Share

- What kind of environment or habits contribute to making you feel stuck?
 Who has helped you to rise up from that environment or those habits?
- Why would some people in our lives want us to stay stuck or down? How do we recognize this opposition?
- What have you had to "give up to go up?" How has your life changed?

6 Let's Grow

- Why do you think Peter said, "look at us?" How has God tried to get your attention?
- Do you think the lame man ever expected to be healed? The lame man was stuck in his expectation, only asking for money and not to be healed. What expectation do you need to leave behind so that God can bring you complete healing and freedom?
- The lame man was over 40 years old, and he got up and walked, leaped, and jumped! Is there anything in your life you feel has been making you stuck too long? What does this story say to you about God's heart for your situation? Pray over these situations together!

Here's what's coming up at Hope! May 12th - Mother's Day May 19th - Baby & Child Dedications May 2th - Honoring Graduates