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IT STARTS WITH ONE, PART 5: CATALYST

A catalyst is an agent that provokes or speeds significant change or action. What if you were a catalyst for good, a catalyst for love, and a catalyst for life-change?

BIG IDEA: Your love in action could be the catalyst to life-change.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What's one thing that always puts you in a good mood? What's your biggest pet peeve? How easy is it for something to change your mood?
2. *With your Bible or Bible App, read Acts 3:1-11.*

Peter and John went to the Temple one afternoon to take part in the three o'clock prayer service. As they approached the Temple, a man lame from birth was being carried in. Each day he was put beside the Temple gate, the one called the Beautiful Gate, so he could beg from the people going into the Temple. When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for some money. Peter and John looked at him intently, and Peter said, "Look at us!" 5 The lame man looked at them eagerly, expecting some money. But Peter said, "I don't have any silver or gold for you. But I'll give you what I have. In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, get up and walk!" Then Peter took the lame man by the right hand and helped him up. And as he did, the man's feet and ankles were instantly healed and strengthened. He jumped up, stood on his feet, and began to walk! Then, walking, leaping, and praising God, he went into the Temple with them. All the people saw him walking and heard him praising God. When they realized he was the lame beggar they had seen so often at the Beautiful Gate, they were absolutely astounded! They all rushed out in amazement to Solomon's Colonnade, where the man was holding tightly to Peter and John.

Acts 3:1-11 (NLT)

3. To the beggar, the Beautiful Gate was a paradox: an entry point for some and a barrier for others from the community of faith. What might a 21st-century beggar identify as a "beautiful" thing separating him or her from oneChurch.tv?
4. The temple carried dual meanings to first-century Hebrews: money/power and Divine presence. What meanings do people in your Clarksville perceive about oneChurch? About the people in your small group?
5. The healing of the lame man signaled a new era in which God's love was extended beyond Israel to the least and the lost. How can you extend God's love beyond your immediate circle of relationships?
6. During the message Carlo said, "Healthy habits make a difference." What healthy habits are you currently practicing that will help you be a catalyst for someone else's life-change?

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

As a group, who can you serve in our local community? Discuss practical ways that you can connect with organizations such as Bring Love In, Manna Cafe Ministries, or others that will allow you to see the "least" and

the “lost.”

GOING DEEPER

1. Read Acts 3:12-16.
2. How does Peter take advantage of this situation? How can you use meeting a practical need to share the Gospel with others?

CHANGING YOUR MIND

“I don’t have any silver or gold for you. But I’ll give you what I have. In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, get up and walk!”

- Acts 1:8