

NEW LIFE ONE STUDIES



Series: ‘You Are The Church’ Week 6 Study Guide

Message:

“Healing that Points to Jesus.”

SCRIPTURE

<i>Main Text:</i>	<i>Other Text:</i>
<i>Acts 3:1-26</i>	<i>Luke 10:1, Matthew 9:36, 2 Corinthians 4:7, Isaiah 6:8, John 14:12</i>

UNDERSTANDING THE STORY

*(This section focuses on understanding what the text means —
before jumping to what it means for us.)*

Read Acts 3:1–10

Main Idea:

God works through ordinary people in ordinary moments to bring healing and hope.

Commentary:

Peter and John were not looking for a miracle opportunity—they were simply going about their daily rhythm of prayer and worship.

On their way to the temple, they encountered a man who had been lame from birth and carried to the temple gate every day to beg for money. What appeared to be an interruption became a divine appointment.

Peter and John were attentive to the leading of the Holy Spirit. Rather than ignoring the need in front of them, they stopped, engaged with the man, and responded in faith. Through the authority of Jesus, the man was healed and experienced transformation he never expected.

This reminds us that God often works through everyday moments when we remain available to Him. The kingdom of God frequently breaks into ordinary life through simple acts of obedience.

Discussion Questions:

1. What were Peter and John doing when they encountered the lame man?
2. Why would it have been easy for them to ignore him?
3. What does this story teach us about how God works through ordinary people?

Takeaway:

God often uses ordinary moments and everyday obedience to accomplish extraordinary things.

Read Acts 3:2–7

Main Idea:

The Holy Spirit helps us see opportunities instead of interruptions.

Commentary:

The lame man thought his greatest need was financial help, but Jesus had something greater for him.

Peter and John could have viewed the man as an interruption to their plans. Instead, they saw him through the eyes of compassion and responded to the prompting of the Holy Spirit.

Many times, we become so focused on our schedules, responsibilities, and plans that we miss the people God places directly in front of us. Yet throughout Scripture, Jesus consistently stopped for people, saw their pain, and entered into their brokenness.

As followers of Jesus, we are called to do the same. What may seem like an inconvenience could actually be an opportunity for God to display His love through us.

Discussion Questions:

1. What did Peter and John notice that others may have overlooked?
2. Why is it easy to view people as interruptions instead of opportunities?
3. How might God be inviting us to respond differently to the needs around us?

Takeaway:

When we walk closely with Jesus, interruptions often become opportunities for people to encounter Jesus through us.

Read Acts 3:6–16**Main Idea:**

The power belongs to Jesus, but He chooses to work through His people.

Commentary:

Peter made it clear that the healing did not come from his own power or ability.

The miracle happened through faith in the name of Jesus. Peter and John simply offered what they had—obedience, faith, compassion, and availability.

As believers, we may feel inadequate or unqualified to help others. Yet God has always used ordinary people to display His extraordinary power. Paul describes us as "jars of clay" carrying the treasure of Christ so that God's power—not ours—receives the glory.

The church continues the ministry of Jesus by carrying His presence into the world and trusting Him to work through willing hearts.

Discussion Questions:

1. How does Peter explain the source of the man's healing?
2. Why is it important that the miracle pointed people to Jesus rather than Peter and John?
3. What does it mean to offer God what we have instead of focusing on what we lack?

Takeaway:

God's power is displayed through ordinary people who are willing to be used by Him.

Read Acts 3:8–26**Main Idea:**

Healing points people to Jesus and creates opportunities for the Gospel.

Commentary:

The physical healing of the lame man was incredible, but it was never the final goal.

As people gathered in amazement, Peter immediately pointed them to Jesus. The miracle became an opportunity to proclaim the Gospel and invite people to repentance, forgiveness, and restoration.

Throughout Scripture, God's works are intended to reveal His character and draw people to Himself. The healing was not ultimately about the man walking—it was about people encountering Jesus.

The same is true today. Every story of healing, restoration, provision, and transformation becomes an opportunity to share the goodness of God with others.

Discussion Questions:

1. How did the healed man respond after experiencing God's power?
2. What did Peter do when the crowd gathered?
3. How can our own stories of God's work point people toward Jesus?

Takeaway:

God's healing and restoration are meant to draw people closer to Jesus.

MAKE IT PERSONAL

The story in Acts 3 reminds us that Jesus still brings healing, hope, restoration, and freedom through His people.

Peter and John weren't doing anything extraordinary when God used them. They were simply walking with Jesus, staying sensitive to the Holy Spirit, and responding in obedience.

Reflect:

1. Where is God inviting you to trust Him in the ordinary rhythms of your life?
2. What interruptions have you been resisting that may actually be opportunities from God?
3. Who around you might need to experience the love and hope of Jesus through you?
4. What story of God's healing or faithfulness could you share with someone this week?

Key Truth:

Jesus still brings healing and hope to people, and He often chooses to do it through ordinary believers who are available to Him.

LIVING IT OUT

Let this passage move you from reflection to action this week:

Abide in Jesus daily

Stay connected to Him through prayer, Scripture, and worship. God's power flows through people who remain close to Him.

Pay attention to people

Ask God to help you see people the way He sees them and recognize opportunities to show His love.

Don't ignore needs that you see

When you notice someone hurting, take a step toward them. Offer encouragement, prayer, practical help, or simply your presence.

Give what you have

You may not have all the answers, but you can offer compassion, prayer, your testimony, and the love of Jesus.

Share your story

Look for opportunities to tell others how God has worked in your life and brought healing, hope, or transformation.

For LifeGroups:

ENCOURAGE EACH OTHER

Talk through these together:

1. When have you experienced God working through an ordinary moment in your life?
 2. What interruptions are hardest for you to embrace?
 3. How has God used another person's kindness, prayer, or obedience to impact you?
 4. What practical steps can you take to become more available to God this week?
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PRAY TOGETHER

1. Thank God for continuing His ministry through His church.
 2. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you see people with compassion.
 3. Pray for boldness to respond when God presents opportunities to serve others.
 4. Pray for healing, hope, and restoration for people in your community.
 5. Ask God to use your story to point others to Jesus.
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Final Thoughts:

The miracle in Acts 3 was never just about a man learning to walk. It was about people encountering Jesus. God still works through ordinary people who are willing to follow His leading, notice the needs around them, and respond in faith. As you walk with Jesus this week, remember: You may be the very person God wants to use to bring healing, hope, encouragement, and restoration to someone else. The power is His. The obedience is ours. And every act of healing should point people back to Jesus.