

Bible Reading:

1. Acts 3:1-26: "One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer—at three in the afternoon. Now a man who was lame from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts... Peter said, 'Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.'... Peter said to them: 'Repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, and that he may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus.'"

2. Deuteronomy 15:11: "There will always be poor people in the land. Therefore I command you to be openhanded toward your fellow Israelites who are poor and needy in your land."

3. Leviticus 23:22: "When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. Leave them for the poor and for the foreigner residing among you. I am the LORD your God."

Observation Questions:

1. What was the condition of the man at the temple gate called Beautiful and how did Peter respond to him in Acts 3:1-26?
2. What command does God give regarding the poor in Deuteronomy 15:11 and Leviticus 23:22?

Interpretation Questions:

1. In Acts 3:1-26, what does Peter's response to the lame man reveal about the power of Jesus' name and the call to repentance?
2. How do the commands in Deuteronomy 15:11 and Leviticus 23:22 reflect God's heart for the poor and needy?

Application Questions:

1. Can you recall a time when you felt powerless like the lame man at the Beautiful gate? How can you invite Jesus into that situation today?
2. What is one specific way you can be openhanded towards someone who is poor or needy in your community this week?
3. How can you demonstrate repentance in a tangible way in your life this week?
4. Can you think of a situation where you acted in ignorance, like the crowd Peter addressed? How can you seek God's forgiveness and wisdom in that area?
5. How can you be more open to the work of the Holy Spirit in your life, especially in times of waiting or uncertainty?