

Goldstone Church

Small Group Questions

Acts 3:1-10

For Starting

- What film or book does everyone love but you don't like?
- What do you do if a stranger asks you for a handout? Why?
- What is your favourite miracle in the Bible and why?
- Go around the group sharing how the Holy Spirit has been active in your life during the past week.

For Reviewing

- When and where were Peter and John going (v.1)?
- How long had the man been crippled (v.2)?
- When he saw Peter & John, what did the man ask for (v.3)?
- How did Peter get the man's full attention (v.4-5)?
- What did Peter & John *not* have (v.6)?
- How did Peter & John help the man (v.7)?
- Describe the way the man went into the temple courts (v.8).
- Who recognised the man and how did they react (v.9-10)?

For Discussion

- Was the lame man healed "by faith"? If so, whose faith?
- Did the Holy Spirit empower miraculous healings only in Bible times (1st century), or does He still work today?
- Jesus' Messianic reign is prophesied in Isaiah 35. Compare the man's behaviour (v.8) with Isaiah 35:6. How is this fulfilled?
- How does this passage reflect Jesus' words in John 14:12-14?
- Other than providing finance, what can Christians do to help those who are poor or in need?
- If God were to do a miracle of healing at Goldstone church, how do you think most people would respond? Why?
- *"The healing of the cripple's body was a vivid dramatisation of the message of salvation."* Do you agree/disagree? Why?
- What are you praying for right now and how would you like God to answer? Do you believe that God is able to answer?
- You could end by reading together Acts 3:9-10.

Acts 3:1-10 (NIVUK)

Peter Heals the Crippled Beggar

¹ One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer – at three in the afternoon. ² Now a man crippled 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. ³ When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. ⁴ Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, “Look at us!” ⁵ So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them.

⁶ Then 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.” ⁷ Taking him by the right

hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong. ⁸ He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God. ⁹

When all the people saw him walking and praising God, ¹⁰ they recognised him as the same man who used to sit begging at the temple gate called Beautiful, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

