

What I do have, I give...

Acts 3:1-10 (ESV)

BIG IDEA: *The church moves toward need carrying what it truly has to give — not silver and gold, but the name and power of Jesus Christ.*

Memory Verse — Acts 3:6 *“But Peter said, ‘I have no silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk!’”*

Open

Read Acts 3:1-10 together as a group.

Have you ever walked past someone in need without stopping — and later wished you had? What kept you from stopping?

Observation — What does the text say?

1. What were Peter and John doing when they encountered the lame man (v. 1)? Why might that detail matter?
2. How long had this man been in his condition, and what was his daily routine (v. 2)?
3. What did the man ask Peter and John for, and what did he expect from them (vv. 3, 5)?
4. What exactly did Peter say and do in response (vv. 4-7)?
5. What was the man's immediate reaction to being healed, and how did the crowd respond (vv. 8-10)?

Understanding — What does it mean?

1. Why do you think Peter said “Look at us” before anything else? What does that reveal about how the early church approached people in need?
2. Peter says, “I have no silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you.” Why is this confession — admitting a lack — such an important part of the miracle?
3. What is the significance of Peter using “the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth” rather than acting in his own authority?

4. Why does the man's response (walking, leaping, praising God) matter to the story? What does it demonstrate to the watching crowd?

Personal Reflection

1. Where in your life have you assumed you had “nothing to give” someone, when in reality you were withholding the one thing you did have — the name and presence of Jesus?
2. Is there someone in your daily routine who has become part of the “scenery” to you — someone you've stopped truly seeing? What would it look like to really look at them this week?
3. When God has done something in your life, is your response as visible and vocal as this man's? What keeps you quiet about what Jesus has done for you?

Application

1. Identify one person this week who is easy to overlook — a coworker, neighbor, family member, or stranger. Commit to stopping, making eye contact, and giving them your full attention.
2. Practice offering what you actually have — your time, your presence, prayer, or a direct word about Jesus — rather than waiting until you have more to give.
3. Tell someone this week a specific way Jesus has changed your life, the way this man couldn't stop praising God in public.

Family Application (for households with children)

Read Acts 3:1-10 together as a family, perhaps acting it out (one person “lame,” others as Peter, John, and the crowd).

Ask your kids: “What did Peter give the man, even though he didn't have money?” Talk together about ways your family can give Jesus' name and love to people even when you don't have much money or many resources to offer.

As a family, pick one person to pray for and reach out to this week — someone who might feel overlooked at school, in the neighborhood, or at church.

Close in Prayer

Ask God to open your eyes to the overlooked people around you, and ask for boldness to offer the name of Jesus — not just as words, but as the reason for how you love and serve others this week.