

WORSHIP

SUGGESTED WORSHIP SONGS:

Victory in Jesus, No Other Like Jesus, Our God, Alive in You

WELCOME

If your life was turned into a song, what lyrics would the writer use to describe it? Will it be a song describing a broken heart, shattered dreams, hopelessness and an uncertain future? If you could change your life's soundtrack, what words and kind of music would you use to write it?

WORD

ACTS 1:8

"but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

One of the habits of a Spirit-filled church is witnessing to others about Jesus. In **Acts 3:3-10**, we see two of Jesus' disciples, Peter and John, witness to a lame man begging for alms at the temple gate. "When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he began asking to receive alms" (v. 3).

Just like the lame beggar, before a person comes to know Jesus, we are in a spiritually bankrupt and crippled state. People can't even keep their own New Year's resolution, how much more unable are we in keeping God's perfect standard of holiness? Just like with Peter and John, God wants for Christians to be intentional in caring for others. Often though, we neglect to do that even to those closest to us. When was the last time you asked an officemate how they are and what you can pray for them? In this **Acts 3** story, Peter and John took notice of the lame man's physical and spiritual needs and they prayed to God to heal him in body and spirit; they helped him find healing in Jesus.

As a result of his encounter with Jesus through the caring witness of Christ's disciples, the crippled beggar's life was transformed from darkness to light,

death to life (**Romans 5:6-11**). An important reminder that we need to keep in mind when we ask God for physical healing is that we must pray in faith, in Jesus' name and with Thanksgiving (**Acts 3:6-9**). More importantly, we must help people find healing beyond the physical aspect. When we bring people to Jesus for healing, they find forgiveness, hope and completeness in him.

Let's follow Peter and John's example when we witness to others about the gospel. They used familiar terms about God that ordinary people can understand (v. 13). Tell people what we have done towards God by our sinful responses to Jesus (v. 13-15), and tell them who Jesus is and what he has done for us (v. **Acts 3:14-16**), so we can be forgiven and reconciled to God when we repent, turning away from our sins and turning to God (v. **17-26**).

Do you want to transform people's lives? Then be a witness of the gospel, help bring people to Jesus for healing; share your own story of transformation and others will be amazed at the work of God through Christ (v. **9-10**).

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

(Leaders: Please choose questions that are appropriate to the level of spiritual maturity of your members)

1. In what ways are you like the characters in the story in **Acts 3:1-10**? Are you more like Peter and John, powerful witnesses for Christ, or are you more of the crippled man who needed complete healing from God?
2. What was your life like before you came to know Jesus? What three words will you use to describe how you were like in the past?
3. When and how did you come to know Jesus as your Savior and Lord? (In a retreat, through a friend or relative who shared the gospel to you, though a church service)? What three words would you use to describe your life of following Jesus today?

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PRAY CARE SHARE IN ACTION

Choose any of the following action points for the week:

1. Ask an officemate this week how you can pay for them and do so before the week ends. Let them know that you prayed for them.
2. Write your transformation story by using a 3-point guide:
B.C. — Before you met Christ; write down what your life was like and how you were like using three words (use the same words in your answer to Discussion Question #2);
T.P. — Your Turning Point, how and when you met Jesus and received him as your Savior and Lord;
A.D. — Your life After meeting Christ. Use three words would you use to describe your life of following Jesus today (you can use your answer to Discussion Question #3).
3. Be trained to share the gospel by participating in a Dare to Share workshop or use the EQUIP portion of Book 1: One by One with your Dgroup to learn how to share the gospel to others.

WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

I. Thanksgiving

- Worship God for who He is, what He has done, and what He will do in our lives

II. Country and the World

- Upright and moral governance of Public Servants and a God-centered Philippines
- Repentance and Salvation

III. Church

- That CCF Members would honor and love God and make disciples
- Elders, Pastors, Leaders, and Families
- Ministries and Churches worldwide

IV. CCF Facilities

- Worship and Training Center
- Prayer Mountain

V. Personal Concerns

- Deeper intimate relationship with God
- Righteous living
- Salvation of family and friends