

ACTS: To the Ends of the Earth

Study 7: Jesus' name makes the lame leap

READ Acts 3 and **LISTEN** to the [sermon](#) by Pastor Craig.

A visit to the temple at the Jewish hour of prayer becomes a day to remember for Peter and John. In an act of mercy, Christ used Peter to be a conduit of His love and power toward a man lame from birth. The result was astounding; the lame man arose and began “walking and leaping and praising God” (v. 8). Peter was reminded afresh, “It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me” (Gal 2:20).

Big idea: The lost enter the kingdom and the saved minister with power through faith in Jesus' name.

Questions:

1. What was the lame man seeking and what did he receive? What was his response to receiving what he did not ask for or seek?

In what ways is this a parable of a person's experience of salvation?

How can a person who grew up in a Christian home and was saved as a child feel the kind of joy of the person who is saved out of a horrible past? (Hint: Are we *all* forgiven much?)

2. In what power did Peter perform the miracle in v. 7 (see vv. 12, 16)? What does this mean for coming to Christ for salvation and serving Christ in obedience?

3. What was God's view of Jesus compared to the crowd's view (vv. 13-15)?

Do you think Peter was too hard? Would you use the same type of language and argument when speaking to an unbeliever? Why or why not?

4. In response to Peter's message, he told his listeners to “Repent therefore, and turn back” (v. 19). What does this mean? See Acts 17:29-30; Joel 2:13; Matt 3:8

5. What are two to three benefits promised to all who repent (vv. 19-21), and what does each mean?

Is it right to appeal to people's felt needs, other than forgiveness, when presenting the gospel? Identify other Biblical examples.

6. As Peter walked to the temple that day, he had no warning he would be faced with a crowd of 5,000 plus people and given the opportunity to share the gospel. What can you do to prepare yourself to share the gospel when the opportunity presents itself?

STOP AND PRAY:

Praise: God for our great salvation in Christ, freeing us from a life of sin to one of joy

Confess: times you have leaned on your own power and wisdom and not on Christ's

Pray: that you might show the same boldness and love Peter showed toward others