

TEACHING NOTES

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Review | Small Group Questions

Read Acts 3 together. Last Sunday we covered verses 1-10 and looked at the story of Peter and John healing the lame man outside the temple. Pray for wisdom as you answer and discuss the following questions.

1. Acts 2 is the story of the apostles ministering to over 3,000 people. Acts 3 begins with a story focused on one needy individual. Is one of these acts of ministry more important than the other? How is God seen in both?
2. How has God wired you for your participation? Do you desire to be a part of larger, big movements or do you feel God has called you to focus more on an individual level? Discuss within your group how each of these giftings serve the church and community. Are you serving in a capacity that utilizes your unique God-given abilities?
3. The man in this story is essentially a physically handicapped individual who is begging for help. How do you respond to similar situations? How do you respond to the beggar on the street corner so prevalent in Central Oregon? What is the appropriate way to respond? Is giving a hand-out always the most appropriate action? Why or why not?
4. Read James 5:13-16. What do these verses say about (1) our role in the church toward those who are suffering, and (2) how the Lord responds? We can't all identify with the physical needs of the lame man, but we can all relate to his feelings of helplessness. In what areas of your life do you hope for healing? Is it healing from the past? Is it physical in nature? Or perhaps you desire freedom from a deep sense of shame. Spend some time praying specific prayers with one another, bringing your requests to Jesus.

In addition, take time to focus on praying that Eastmont would be a place of deep, frequent prayer as we see described in the early church.