

THE BOOK OF ACTS

A CROSSPOINT CITY
SERMON SERIES

DISCUSSION GUIDE

WK 7: The Power of His Name

SERIES OVERVIEW

The book of Acts tells the story of the gospel advancing from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth. As we walk through this missional narrative together, our prayer is that God would breathe fresh wind into our sails—motivating and inspiring us to join Him in the work He’s still doing today.

[Book of Acts Video Overview](#)

CONTEXT

In Acts 3:1-10, Peter and John encounter a lame man at the temple gate called Beautiful. Through faith in Jesus Christ and the power of Jesus' name, Peter heals him, leading the man to walk, leap, and praise God. The crowd was astonished with this miraculous act.

THE BIG IDEA

There is power in the name of Jesus. When broken people call on his name, he heals, restores, and saves.

SCRIPTURE: Acts 3:1-10

Now Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. 2 And a man lame from birth was being carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple that is called the Beautiful Gate to ask alms of those entering the temple. 3 Seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked to receive alms. 4 And Peter directed his gaze at him, as did John, and said, “Look at us.” 5 And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. 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!” 7 And he took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. 8 And leaping up, he stood and began to walk, and entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. 9 And all the people saw him walking and praising God, 10 and recognized him as the one who sat at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, asking for alms. And they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.



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GROUP DISCUSSION

(Refer to **Week 7** of your ACTS Journal.)

What is one thing that stood out to you from the sermon and why do you think God wants you to remember this truth?

As Pastor James went through all the statistics of the state of our health in the beginning of his sermon, what were your initial thoughts and response? What is the spiritual impact of our health burdens and how are most of our health problems a spiritual problem?

Read Acts 3:1-10 together as a group. What were the physical, social and spiritual needs of the lame man and how did his needs make him an outcast in all three areas?

In what ways were you like the lame man before you gave your life to Jesus? (Especially socially and spiritually)

In Acts 3:4-6, what is the significance of “seeing” people and them feeling seen? How would our life and the life of others change if we treat others as image bearers?

Read Acts 3:7-10. How does Isaiah 36:5 connect Old Testament prophecy to New Testament fulfillment? How does the fulfillment of prophecy impact your faith?

What was the greatest miracle in this story, the spiritual or physical miracle? How does verse 8, “He (lame man) entered the temple with them” impact your answer?

Discussion continued:

Pastor James asked us a very important question at the end of the sermon.

Does Jesus still heal like this today?

The short answer is yes and that’s why we pray, but he heals different people in different ways.

Discuss the 3 ways Jesus heals today and share times you have experienced or witnessed His healing.

- **Miraculously-** Sometimes he heals like he healed the lame man— immediately, completely and it’s verified publicly.
- **Medically-** Uses common grace of doctors/medicine to restore broken bodies. Oftentimes, he’ll use medical intervention to heal.
- **Thru Mortality-** Some people are never healed this side of eternity. It is impossible to know why Jesus doesn’t heal everyone this side of eternity.

PRAYER (In gender based groups)

*Share praises, answered prayers, and prayer requests.

*Pray for an opportunity to help someone feel scene and the courage to obey what the Holy Spirit tells you to say and do.

Closing Prayer (together as a group)

Jesus, we believe you can and will bring healing in all situations. Our hope is in you and you alone. I pray that in times of needed healing, we will trust you and draw close to you no matter your timing or answer. Give us eyes to see all image bearers and the courage to be obedient to your voice. Amen