

When You Can't Help But Live Differently

I. Peter lived in a new way by _____ to become a fisher of men.

Mature by _____ new habits to help connect you to God's heart.

Now Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. v. 1

Mature by _____ people differently so you can connect with them deeply.

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.

Seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked to receive alms.

And Peter directed his gaze at him, as did John, and said, "Look at us." vv. 2-4

Mature by _____ what you have in Jesus' name.

And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them.

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!" vv. 5-6

II. The lame man lived in a new way _____ after accepting grace in Jesus' name.

Immediately _____ Jesus to walk in new ways.

And he took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. v. 7

Immediately _____ Jesus for what He's done.

And leaping up, he stood and began to walk, and entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. v. 8

Immediately _____ Jesus to those around you.

And all the people saw him walking and praising God, 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. vv. 9-10



HOME GROUP

Lesson + Devotional

Before you begin, ask the Holy Spirit to teach you and guide your study.

1. Read Acts 3:1-10. How did Peter assess this particular situation and turn it into an opportunity to display Jesus?
2. How does this passage reflect Jesus' words in John 14:12-14?
3. How does the former cripple respond to his healing? Is there an example here for us? Compare this event to the one in Luke 17:11-19.
4. What purposes did this physical healing serve? See also Acts 3:8-13, 16 and 4:4-14.
5. What is the relationship between physical healing and spiritual salvation in Jesus' work and teaching? (See also Luke 4:18-19, 5:17-26, 7:20-23 and 9:1-2.)
6. It's common for us to want to meet a *physical* need when we see one, but why is it more difficult to talk of their *spiritual* need? How does compassion for the spiritual needs of others lead the Christian to also meet physical needs?
7. Even if we don't perform miraculous healings, how is this passage relevant to us today?
8. Give examples of ways we pass by others and behave as if they are invisible. How did the sermon help you consider the needs of others?

HELPFUL Quotes

This miracle of physical healing is rightly seen as an illustration of spiritual healing. The lame man serves as an excellent picture of the helplessness and hopelessness of the sinner (cf. Rom 5:6; Eph 2:12) whose only hope is believing in the name of Jesus Christ (Acts 4:12). When one believes in Him, then instantaneously there is complete salvation, which brings joy to the sinner, praise to God, and a testimony to others. - Charles Ryrie

It is easy to see in this man an illustration of what salvation is like. He was born lame, and all of us are born unable to walk so as to please God. Our father Adam had a fall and passed his lameness on to all of his descendants (Rom 5:12-21). The man was also poor, and we as sinners are bankrupt before God, unable to pay the tremendous debt that we owe Him (Luke 7:36-50). He was "outside the temple," and all sinners are separated from God, no matter how near to the door they might be. The man was healed wholly by the grace of God (Eph 2:8-9), and the healing was immediate (Acts 3:7). He gave evidence of what God had done by "walking, and leaping, and praising God" (v. 8) and by publicly identifying himself with the apostles, both in the temple (v. 11) and in their arrest (4:14). Now that he could stand, there was no question where this man stood! - Warren Wiersbe

HEALTHY NEW HABITS FOR FISHERS OF MEN

A disciple ... Believes

Keep a simple journal about where you've seen God in the story of your life. Leave traces of your spiritual journey for loved ones.

Learns

- Meditate on Scripture
- Commit a verse to memory
- Do a short study on the Holy Spirit

Prays

- Pray through a psalm
- Take a prayer walk outdoors
- Take some time to sing a hymn to the Lord
- Study John 17 to discover the purpose of prayer
- Fast from the news/social media
- Fast from electronic devices

Connects

- Pray with and for one another
- Be accountable to a group
- Worship together

Serves

- Serve as worship
- Serve as you are gifted
- Serve as needed

Gives

- Learn contentment
- Practice generous giving
- Be willing to live by faith

Multiplies

Share the gospel by crafting your 100-word spiritual story

Find BE/MAKE/REACH resources for discipleship growth in the CCBC app under the Connect tab. It's loaded with helpful tools in categories for all ages!

YOUR NEXT STEP AT Christ Chapel



Connect and Belong

New or returning, fill out a Connect Card and experience life together at Christ Chapel.

Together in Prayer

We want to pray with and for you this week as we go to God together.



Partner with Us by Giving

Be a part of what God is doing near and far by giving to local and global ministry partners.

Upcoming Events

Join in to grow your faith, make disciples, and reach those who do not know or walk with Jesus.



A WONDERFUL Offer

Being a Christian isn't based on membership in a local church or keeping a set of rules. It involves a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and an understanding of who He is and what He has done to provide man with a way to experience God's love for us. Here's how to know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior:

1. Admit that you're a sinner, separated from a holy and perfect God. **(Romans 3:23; Isaiah 53:6)**
2. Understand that the penalty for your sin is death – eternal separation from God and all that is good. **(Romans 6:23; Hebrews 9:27)**
3. Believe that Jesus Christ took the penalty for your sin by dying in your place and conquered death by rising from the dead. **(Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21)**
4. Receive the free gift of salvation by trusting in Christ alone as your Savior from sin and death and your provider of true and eternal life. **(Romans 4:4-5; Ephesians 2:8-9)**

You can use this prayer to express your decision to God:

Dear God, I know that I am a sinner. I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for me and rose from the dead. I trust in him alone as the only way to be reconciled to you. Thank you for the forgiveness of sins and the eternal life I now have. Amen.



We'd love to know about your decision. Scan the QR code to learn more about following Jesus!