



GOOD NEWS!

SERMON DISCUSSION NOTES FROM 5/2/21

SERMON SUMMARY

God uses people to advance His cause in human history. Everything He does is a statement about Himself. Especially in the area of *evangelism*. One question that was raised in this series was “How do I share the gospel with my neighbor?” Sunday we learned that evangelism always has a greater purpose....the Glory of God! In Acts 3:1-10 we are confronted with a powerful story of God healing a man and saving his soul. We learned some foundational truths help each of us as witnesses who are called to share Jesus in a world full of brokenness.

Key Passage: Acts 3:1-10

Be sure to read this Scripture passage together before you proceed to the “Grow” section of our study.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION

KNOW—Spend some time finding out how everyone’s week has gone. *The questions in this section provide a guide for connectivity; feel free to approach this part of your group time organically over a meal or “connection” activity or with questions appropriate to your context.*

What is one way God is challenging you to trust Him this week?

What are some ways you have experienced God answering your prayers lately?

Who in your life is in need of prayer, physical help, or emotional encouragement right now?

GROW—Grow in the Lord as you engage His Word together.

What evidence do we see that these disciples were spiritually prepared when an opportunity arose to share the gospel?

One of the first things we see in this passage is the extent of this man’s brokenness. What kinds of brokenness do we see in the world around us?

How is physical brokenness in this world a reminder of the effects of sin?

In verse seven we learn that Peter helped this man stand up. This is a picture of hands-on care. Tony Evans says, “The church must both speak hope into a broken life and extend practical help.” Why was helping to meet his physical needs important to also meeting his spiritual needs?

How was Jesus “good news” to this man beyond his physical needs?

What role does faith play in this story? What did these men need to believe about God in order to pull off such a feat in his name?

In what way is our praise to God, as people who have received His mercy, essential to proclaiming the gospel (v. 8; see also 1 Peter 2:9-10).

Does this story remind you at all of Jesus’ parable of the good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37)?

How is God glorified in this story?

GO—Talk through ways you can put what you’ve learned into practice.

As we live our lives, we will see people with various needs all around us. Are you aware of what those needs are? Are you prepared to structure your life in a way that you have time to address those needs?

Who is someone in your life right now who has a need you can help address?

In what way is Jesus good news to that person given their current situation? How can you prepare now to point that person to Jesus?

