

Small Group Study Guide- After the Potluck (Acts 3:1-26)

Opening Question: Are healings meant to be commonplace in the church today or were healings mainly for the Apostles? Why or why not?

1. The changed life. (Acts 3:1-11)

- Locate and discuss the nine verbs in Acts 3:1-11. What do we learn about the story of the lame man through these verbs? What verbs can we relate to?
- Give modern examples of people who “hang around” religious arenas with improper motives? Can this extend to teachers as well, i.e. preaching a false gospel or the gospel for fleshly gain?
- What does Paul say about the apostolic ministry? (See 2 Cor. 12:12 and Hebrews 2:3-4.) Does this fit with his theology of church? (See Ephesians 2:19-22) How might we view the household of God as being “built upon” the foundation of the apostles, as set by Christ the cornerstone?

2. The challenged crowd. (Acts 3:12-21)

- What are Peter’s “2 Whys”? How do we see them in the church today?
- What 3 challenges does Peter bring against the crowd? Discuss the difference and how we see the issues today?
- How does Peter teach grace and repentance? Discuss the present and future aspects of salvation.

3. The Servant commands. (Acts 3:22-26)

- Discuss the differences between Moses and Jesus, especially in light of Israel’s current belief vs. what Peter is teaching in Acts 3.
- According to Acts 3:24-26, who is Jesus?
- Discuss the statement: Salvation is offered to all, but promised to none! (In terms of Israel and our lives today.)
- Discuss salvation through the steps of: Change, Challenge and Command.