

Study Guide for Feb. 15th, 2004. The Spreading Flame: Acts 3:1-10 More than I could have imagined!

Introduction: How have you experienced God “getting your attention” so that you were receptive to a message He was seeking to communicate? How did you finally respond?

I. Power comes **after** PRAYER: (Acts 3:1)

- A. What were Peter and John going to the Temple to do? At what time?
- B. What are the benefits of having set times for PRAYER? What are the dangers?
- C. What other instances can you find in Acts where some demonstration of power has been preceded by or associated with a time of PRAYER?
- D. What could we do . . . as individuals to make PRAYER more regular? . . . as a church?

II. Not what I was expecting: (Acts 3:2-5)

- A. Consider the man who is the recipient of the miracle of healing . . .
 - 1) . . . What was his condition?
 - 2) . . . Where was he located?
 - 3) . . . What was his purpose / hope / expectation?
 - 4) . . . How did he respond to Peter’s statement (see also vs. 16)?
 - 5) . . . How did he react to the healing (vs. 8)?
- B. Read Isaiah 35:1-10. In light of this prophecy, what is the significance of the healing in Acts 3?
- C. If this man (lame from birth, healed, and now in heaven) could speak to us, what might he say?

III. Better than silver or gold: (Acts 3:6-8)

- A. Write out Peter’s response to the lame man after he established eye contact.
- B. Recall a time when you didn’t get what you wanted, but ended up with something far better.
- C. Following Peter’s example, how would God have you become more personal in serving others?

IV. Miracles have their place: (Acts 3:9-10)

- A. What is the reaction of the crowd that witnessed the miracle?
- B. According to Acts 2:43, “Many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles.” Why do you think Luke included **this miracle** as part of his account?
- C. Compare this miracle with that recorded in Acts 14:8-20. What is similar? What is different?
- D. Complete the following statement, “God uses miracles . . .

Conclusion: Silently reflect on this account. What application is God impressing on your heart?