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PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

Connect Group Sermon Aligned Discussion Guide.

Sermon: AUGUST IN ACTS - PART 1 "THE MIRACLE IN JESUS NAME"
Key Scripture: Acts 3:1-10 NIV
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Date + Speaker: August 4, 2024 | Pastor Joe Nyenhuis

Starter: Have you ever shouted and leaped for joy and or excitement? Share the memory and context of when and why you jumped for joy.

Discussion:

1. In his sermon on Sunday, Pastor Joe shared Acts 1:8 But you will receive **power** when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."
    - Discuss what you think this receiving of **the power of the Holy Spirit** means in context of the church today.
    - Pastor Joe said: "The early church devoted themselves to the apostles teaching and to fellowship daily". How do you think that daily devotion to prayer, learning God's Word and authentic fellowship impacted their ministry as the "body of Christ"?

2. Read Acts 3:1-10.
    - Discuss why the crippled man was sitting at the temple gate called "Beautiful"?
    - What did Peter say when the man asked them for money?
    - Why do you think Peter wanted the man to look at him and John? (Acts 3:4).

3. Peter said: "What I do have I give you". He gave the lame man power in the name of Jesus. He could not give it unless he had it in his own life. God gave Peter the supernatural ability to trust Him for the miracle.
    - Do you trust God to work through you to show His love to those you encounter on your path?

- Are you submitting to God's power and enabling the Holy Spirit to work through you to reach a fallen world?

4. Peter said he had no money: I don't have any silver or gold, "but what I do have, I give to you". In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, get up and walk! He then healed the man's disability. Acts 3:6-8.
    - How can the body of Christ (the Church) share what they have in Christ with others?

5. Think of someone in your life you would like to see "walking and leaping and praising God" whether physically, emotionally or otherwise.
    - How can you pray for that person right now?

6. As soon as the lame man was healed, he entered the temple, and immediately started to use what God had given him (walking, leaping). He began to praise and worship God. (v 8-9).
    - God's love makes us bold in seeking authentic human connection with compassion. Describe a time His grace empowered you in this way.
    - How did this miracle bring glory to God revealing His awesome healing power in Christ?

Reflection/Prayer: Does the church in our time truly reflect Jesus Christ's love for the lost? Two disciples showed the world who the Savior is and, in the process, revealed what it means to let Christ live through us. Praise God and glorify Him for the miracles He wants to perform in the church as we submit to Him and obey the Holy Spirit's leading.