



# encounter.

a step-by-step guide through Scripture

## disciple:

// someone who follows Jesus and leads others to do the same.

Studying God's Word is one of the best ways to grow your relationship with God, be tuned to the Holy Spirit, and get to know Jesus intimately. John 1 tells us that the Word is God, the writer of Psalms tells us it will light our path, and Jesus tells us in John 8 if we abide in His Word, we are truly His disciples.

This tool is just one of the many ways to study the Bible and dive deeper into the passages we will be studying each weekend together. Our hope is that you begin to deeply understand the scripture we will be unpacking and allow God to speak to your heart before you even walk through the doors on Sunday.

This tool is designed to help guide you as you seek to understand the context of each verse, what it meant to its original audience, and what it means to us today.

There are a few ways you can utilize this PDF.

- 01** Print the PDF.  
-or-
- 02** Download the PDF, open in a notes app (GoodNotes, Notability, etc), fill it out digitally.  
-or-
- 03** Use the PDF to transcribe into a notebook or journal.

### 5 Marks of a Disciple

- Know Jesus Intimately
- Follow the Holy Spirit Relentlessly
- Obey God's Word Completely
- Love His Church Wholeheartedly
- Seek the Lost Intentionally



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Week of April 1<sup>st</sup> // Conversation April 7<sup>th</sup>  
**Peter Heals a Crippled Beggar**

## pray.

Father, I ask that through the Holy Spirit, you teach me specifically what you want me to learn from your Word today. Please help me to put all other thoughts aside and focus on this part of Scripture.

## observe.

Marking key words in passages of Scripture helps to draw your attention to the main ideas/themes. It causes you to slow down and absorb what you're reading.

**01** Put a  over every mention of God.

**02** Put a  over every mention of Jesus.

**03**  the names Peter and John.

## Acts 3:1-11 (NLT)

<sup>1</sup> Peter and John went to the Temple one afternoon to take part in the three o'clock prayer service. <sup>2</sup> As they approached the Temple, a man lame from birth was being carried in. Each day he was put beside the Temple gate, the one called the Beautiful Gate, so he could beg from the people going into the Temple. <sup>3</sup> When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for some money.

<sup>4</sup> Peter and John looked at him intently, and Peter said, "Look at us!" <sup>5</sup> The lame man looked at them eagerly, expecting some money. <sup>6</sup> But Peter said, "I don't have any silver or gold for you. But I'll give you what I have. In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, get up and walk!"

<sup>7</sup> Then Peter took the lame man by the right hand and helped him up. And as he did, the man's feet and ankles were instantly healed and strengthened. <sup>8</sup> He jumped up, stood on his feet, and began to walk! Then, walking, leaping, and praising God, he went into the Temple with them.

<sup>9</sup> All the people saw him walking and heard him praising God. <sup>10</sup> When they realized he was the lame beggar they had seen so often at the Beautiful Gate, they were absolutely astounded! <sup>11</sup> They all rushed out in amazement to Solomon's Colonnade, where the man was holding tightly to Peter and John.

## interpret.

**01** Who are the main characters in this passage? (There are two disciples, and one other man until verse 9.) List all of the people and where this took place.

**02** How long had he been lame (hint: see verse 2)? What was the lame man asking for when Peter & John walked past him going into the Temple?

# interpret.

**03** What were Peter & John doing at the Temple that day? What time of the day was it (v.1)?

**04** What do you think of Peter's response to the lame man asking for money? What did he say first about money?

**05** In whose name did Peter & John heal the lame man? List everything that happened after he was healed (v.7-11).

# apply.

**01** Do you think the lame man was expecting to be healed on this day? Do you think it was God's plan from the time the lame man was born to be at the Temple on this day so that he could be healed in the name of Jesus and for many to witness his healing?

**02** Are there circumstances in your life that you don't understand why they are happening? Does your faith in the Lord's plan help you persevere?

# bring it together.

Peter and John relied on the Holy Spirit to guide them in their actions. This was new to them but they believed in Jesus and in his words, “Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you the gift he promised, as I told you before. John baptized with water, but in just a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” (Acts 1:4-5).

Acts 2:43 states, “And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles.”

And finally, in Acts 3:16, Peter says why these wonders and signs were happening and why the lame man was healed, “Through faith in the name of Jesus, this man was healed—and you know how crippled he was before. Faith in Jesus’ name has healed him before your very eyes.”

They continued preaching and healing in the Lord’s name. This in turn led to more and more believers being saved. We too have the Holy Spirit that we can call upon to help us spread the good news of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Let us be bold in the Holy Spirit this week and share the Gospel!

## connect.

We are available to answer any questions you might have.

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