

Discussion Questions

LifeGroups



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Sermon Series: Upside Down
Sermon Title: The Meaning of Miracles
Sermon Text: Acts 3

Bottom Line

Some problems in life can only be overcome by a miracle from God! Miracles should point us up, point us forward and point us inward. If you are a believer, God has already performed in your life the only miracle you will truly ever need. Our salvation should cause us to look for those in our lives who are sitting at the gates of our life looking for hope, searching for answers and desiring a miracle.

Scripture

Acts 3:1-16

1 One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer—at three in the afternoon. 2 Now a man who was lame from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts. 3 When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. 4 Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, “Look at us!” 5 So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them.

6 Then Peter said, “Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.” 7 Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man’s feet and ankles became strong. 8 He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God. 9 When all the people saw him walking and praising God, 10 they recognized him as the same man who used to sit begging at the temple gate called Beautiful, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

11 While the man held on to Peter and John, all the people were astonished and came running to them in the place called Solomon’s Colonnade. 12 When Peter saw this, he said to them: “Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? 13 The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. 14 You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. 15 You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. 16 By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know

was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see.

Gratitude, Prayer and Accountability

What happened this past week that you are grateful for? What would you like to prayer for today? How did God work in your life since the last time we were together? What is He doing through you as it relates to your Adopt 7?

Let's Start

This week Pastor Dale spoke on the meaning of miracles. Have you experienced God do a miracle in your life? What about the life of someone you know? Share the story.

Let's Talk

1. Read Acts 3:1-10. Put yourself in the pace of the beggar. What do you imagine that life would have looked like for you?
2. Look at how Peter and John responded to the man. Think about all that Peter and John had experienced over the past 60 days or so. What do you notice about Peter and John? What has changed in them?
3. What do you notice about the response of the people to the miracle?
4. Read Acts 3:11-16. What is the essence of Peter's message to the crowd?
5. What does verse 16 teach us about the man who was healed?
6. There is power in the name of Jesus. Pastor Dale made the point that every miracle should point up to Jesus, forward to what is to come, and inward to our need for Christ. Look at Acts 3:17-21. How did Peter's message reflect this?

Let's Act

Pastor Dale concluded his message by encouraging us to embrace the Adopt 7 strategy. Who are 7 people in your life who may not know about the miracle that God has already done for them?

- Pray for them
- Serve them
- Share the miracle of God's love in and through Christ

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