

Acts: Learning How to Church
Exceeding Expectations

Acts 3

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Getting started...

#1 We all have expectations of God

#2 God wants to exceed our expectations

3 God expects us to respond in faith

There are 3 types of people in this narrative:

- The man who was healed
- The crowd that looked on
- Peter and his gift

What does God expect from me?

Questions for Life Group or Personal Reflection

Getting Started

What was your nickname when you were younger? Did you like it?

Which character in Acts 3 do you identify with most?

The man who was healed: coming to the Temple/God hoping for a break

The crowds: looking on amazed, yet perplexed about Jesus and His “way”

Peter: I don’t have much by worldly standards, but what I have I’ll use

If we lived in a magical world where Pastor Andrew only got to preach 1 point from this passage, which part would you say *is a must*? Why?

How is Peter’s interaction with the man who was disabled similar to our situations today? How is it different?

Deeper Dive

What are some expectations people have of God (non-Christians, mature Christ-followers, new Christians)? What expectations do *you* have of Him?

Ephesians 2:1-10 is 1 of the greatest “faith” passages in the Bible. Read it together and then summarize how God saves people.

If someone asked , “How do I put my faith in Jesus?” what would you say?

What is the significance of the name: “Jesus Christ of Nazareth”?

After predicting a day of judgement for Israel, Isaiah also prophesied about a day when God would come and save His people. **Read Isaiah 35:1-6.** How is Acts 3 a fulfillment of this passage (zone in on Isa. 35:6 and Acts 3:7-8)?

Do healings like the one in Acts 3 still happen today? Explain your answer.

Read **1 Peter 4:10.** Peter wasn’t rich, but He used the gifts God had given Him and the power of Christ’s Spirit to bless other people. What are some practical ways you have seen Christ-followers in our area “use what they’ve got” to serve people? How can you use what you’ve got?

Read **Galatians 2:20.** What does it mean that, “Christ lives in us?”

Does knowing that the power of Christ is in you change the way you approach your service or outreach?

Close in prayer. What’s 1 way God has been using Acts 3 to encourage or challenge you? Ask the group to pray you’ll continue growing in this area.