

Sermon Title: “Beauty Through the Gate”

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Text: **Acts 3:1-26**

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Going Deeper:

1) *Have you ever felt exhausted to the point of being completely empty? Having nothing left to give to family, marriage, job, church, God? How important is it to depend on God's strength to live life with Him? Why are we so prone to do it in our own strength?*

2) *What do gates symbolize? In this context, the Temple represented God and the people together. However, those like the lame man could not enter. Do you ever feel like you are outside of God, Spirit Community, or other relationships in your life? How does the feeling of being an outsider affect your service to Jesus?*

3) *Why did Peter ask the lame man to look at him? How does eye contact invite equality and transparency?*

4) *In whose name did Peter command the lame man to stand? What happened next? How did this man restored enter the Temple? How is your entrance into worship- tired and bored or healed and dancing?*

5) *What did Moses say about Jesus? Was Jesus a Messiah for Jews only?*

6) *What did Jesus' ministry look like? What did the Apostle's ministry look like? What should our ministry look like? Are we trying to look more like Rome or Jesus? Can a local church partnered with Rome display the power and authority of Jesus? Do you believe Jesus' example of Ministry which the Apostles followed is our example to follow today?*

7) *How does the relationship with the Apostles to Jesus compare to the relationship with Elisha to Elijah? How does our relationship to Jesus affect the proclamation and demonstration of the Gospel? Did Peter and John point the man to Jesus or invite him to walk and do life with them in pursuit of Jesus? What does our Gospel witness look like?*