

# TAKEAWAY

## EVERYONE, EVERYWHERE



### Part Seven: Acts 3:1-26

*At Maybridge we want to be a church of disciples who make disciples – we hope this takeaway session encourages practical outcomes in the lives of the individuals in your group. The focus of group discussion should be on becoming 'doers of the word' and not just hearers or people who enjoy a good discussion!*

#### INTRODUCTION

At heart Acts is a message for everyone everywhere, about a person who is for everyone everywhere. In this session we unpack our understanding of the truth and power of Jesus as we see it demonstrated in the Acts 3 account of the healing of the crippled beggar.

#### SHARE

- How do you usually respond to amazing acts of God? Why so?

#### READ

##### Acts 3:1-26

#### DISCUSS

What strikes you most about this passage? This could be something you're intrigued by, something that resonates, is challenging, makes you uncomfortable or raises questions for you.

In what ways are the lame man's (verse 8) and the people's response (verse 11-12) to this miracle? Why is it vital that miracles and amazing acts of God are attributed to Jesus?

When Peter saw the response from the crowd, he responded in a similar way to his previous sermon (Acts 2:22-24). What titles for and truths about Jesus does he share in this passage? What do these truths or titles mean? What do they tell us about Jesus?

What kinds of 'names' do people call on today in hope that they will be rescued from their problems? What do the truths about Jesus that Peter shared have to say in response to those things?

What do you think it meant that the lame man was 'completely healed'? (verse 16)

The healed man's story is an amazing testimony to the power of God and the truth of Peter's words. How have you seen the power of God demonstrated in your own life and in the lives of others?

How is the power of the Holy Spirit linked to the truth about Jesus in this passage?

To what extent does God's Word – the truth about Jesus – affect your actions, attitudes and confidence about faith and life?

Peter and John took the opportunity to meet the real need of the lame man. What opportunities in your own life might there be to serve and meet non-christians who need Jesus?

#### PRAY

- Pray for one another – is there anyone who'd like prayer for healing?
- Pray for any needs you are aware of in the church.
- Pray for opportunities to talk about Jesus with one person this week.
- Pray that Maybridge can experience a powerful, transformative move of God's Spirit.

## TRY OUT

- Take steps to share Jesus with others – Invite someone who doesn't yet know Christ, to share a meal or to a hobby.
- Pray and ask God to give you the opportunity to talk about Jesus to one person this week. Ask for the direction and wisdom of the Holy Spirit, and make plans to meet or interact with not-yet Christians.
- Commit to pray each day for any needs you are aware of in the church – healing, practical or spiritual needs that you are aware of.