

Empowered to Witness October 3, 2021

Reflect + Discuss

- What comes to mind when you think about miracles?
- Read Acts 3:1-26. What stands out to you from the text? What questions do you have?
- How does the crowd react to the healing of the lame man, and how does Peter challenge this reaction? How would you react if something like this happened in front of you? How would you react if you were the man who was healed?
- How have you seen miraculous signs (not necessarily healing) that point to God?
- Reflecting on the reality of our broken world, what do you long for to be made whole or right? How might God be leading you to help bring healing and wholeness to those around you?
- "Transformed people transform people." In what areas do you need to be transformed by the Spirit to be a better agent of wholeness? What can you change in your life to give God more time and space to work in you? Are there any new rhythms or disciplines in your life that you would like to establish or old ones you would like to reestablish?

Dig Deeper

- For a deeper dive into the truth of Jesus' power to make us whole and transform us, check out this video on the theme of Water of Life from the Bible Project.

Pray

- Ask God to help you make spending time with Him a priority in your life, allowing Him to transform you. Ask God for discernment in how to be an agent of healing and wholeness in our broken world.
- Miracles like the one in Acts 3 can be hard to read for those of us who haven't experienced healing for ourselves or our loved ones. If this passage was difficult to read, consider checking out this resource from <u>prayercourse.org</u> about <u>How to Lament</u>.

Next Steps

- Check out the book "The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry" by John Mark Comer to read more about making time and space for God to work in you.
- Do you know someone who is hurting right now? Think of at least one way you could be an
 agent of wholeness by coming alongside them in their pain this week (keeping in mind that
 we are not fixers, and that Jesus is the ultimate healer.)