

# We Believe!



Four Defining Truths of the Assemblies of God





# Healing the Hurting

Acts 3:1-10



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1 ¶ Now Peter and John were going up to the temple at the ninth hour, the hour of prayer. 2 And a man who had been lame from his mother's womb was being carried along, whom they used to set down every day at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, in order to beg alms of those who were entering the temple. 3 When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he began asking to receive alms. 4 But Peter, along with John, fixed his gaze on him and said, "Look at us!" 5 And he began to give them his attention, expecting to receive something from them.



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6 But Peter said, "I do not possess silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you: In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene—walk!" 7 And seizing him by the right hand, he raised him up; and immediately his feet and his ankles were strengthened. 8 With a leap he stood upright and began to walk; and he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. 9 And all the people saw him walking and praising God; 10 and they were taking note of him as being the one who used to sit at the Beautiful Gate of the temple to beg alms, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

# The Apostles Choice

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- ▶ Following Jesus' ways...
  - ▶ He had left them the Holy Spirit
  - ▶ And much more!
  - ▶ They taught about Jesus...
  - ▶ Daily actions hold great potential!
  - ▶ God is the God of "meetings"



# The World's Need

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- ▶ Walking with people, not sitting...
- ▶ “lame from his mother’s womb”
  - ▶ Carried, set down, left to beg
- ▶ “Beautiful” 75’ x 60’ – Corinthian Bronze
  - ▶ Caring more about externals??
- ▶ How many times had Jesus passed?
  - ▶ Timing in God... Jesus KNEW!!!



# The Man's Cry

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- ▶ **Lame indeed – but blind as well!**
  - ▶ What he asked for; NOT what he **needed!**
  - ▶ Looking for alms instead of healing
  - ▶ Lonely, cast out of society
- ▶ **Above all, he needed a Savior!**
  - ▶ Healing was always a part of Jesus...



# Power of a Moment

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- ▶ LOOK AT US!!! Eye-to- Eye
  - ▶ Be something to see!!!!
  - ▶ Not the unholy, worldly, fame, \$, power
  - ▶ Peter admits in that, he is a failure!
- ▶ WHAT I HAVE...
  - ▶ Not owners, but stewards of God's blessings



# Giving a Hand, or a NAME

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- ▶ Peter knew what he did have...
- ▶ **IN THE NAME!**
  - ▶ All that Jesus had done and accomplished
- ▶ The man saw a fisherman, but heard **GOD**
- ▶ Hand, Hope and Healing!
- ▶ It was God's hand given
- ▶ He got the **GLORY!! (8)**



# Applications:

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- ▶ A lame and blinded world waits
- ▶ Hopeless and Helpless
- ▶ On you daily road you will find them
  - ▶ Looking for the world but needing God
- ▶ Let Jesus **Name** not results...
- ▶ Our true tests are in our opportunities
- ▶ We may fail in the world, but not GOD!

