



# DIGGING DEEPER

## Rise Up & Walk

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### LEAN IN

- There are areas in life where brokenness can slowly start to feel normal—not right, but familiar. **Where in your life have you adjusted to something that you know isn't how it's supposed to be?**

### LOOK UP – Observation, Interpretation, Application (OIA)

#### Read Together: Acts 3:1-21

#### OBSERVATION – What Does the Text Say?

- What do you notice about the man's condition and daily routine in verses 1–3?
- What stands out about how Peter and John interact with him in verses 4–7?
- What is surprising about the way the healing happens?
- What are the different ways the man is restored in verse 8?
- What do you notice about the crowd's reaction in verses 9–10?
- **What contrasts do you see between what the man expected and what he received?**
- **What repeated themes or words stand out in Peter's explanation (verses 12–21)?**

#### INTERPRETATION – What Does the Passage Mean?

- What does this passage reveal about God's heart toward brokenness and restoration?
- What do you learn about the authority and power in the name of Jesus?
- Why does Peter redirect attention away from himself so quickly?
- What is the connection between healing and repentance in this passage?
- What does Peter mean when he describes this as a time of “refreshing” and “restoring all things”?

- **Why is it important that this miracle is described as a “sign” rather than the final destination?**

### **APPLICATION – What Does the Passage Mean?**

- Where do you relate to the man sitting at the gate—expecting less than what God may want to do?
- How are you encouraged, challenged, or convicted by Peter’s words:
- “What I do have I give to you...” (Acts 3:6)?
- Do you live more aware of what you lack or what you carry in Christ?
- What would it look like for you to trust Jesus not just for relief—but for restoration?

### **REFLECT**

- Where do you personally need healing right now—physical, emotional, relational, or spiritual?
- Who is “at the gate” in your life—someone overlooked or in need of hope?

Read **John 12:32–33**

- How does Jesus being “lifted up” (the cross) reshape your understanding of healing—not just as relief, but as redemption?

Read **Matthew 10:8** (“Freely you have received; freely give.”)

- What have you received from God that you may be holding onto instead of giving away?

### **Scripture References**

- Acts 3:1-21
- John 12:32-22
- Matthew 10:8

### **Prayer Guide for Groups:**

1. **Be Honest Before God**  
Invite each person to quietly (or openly) name an area where they feel “stuck” or in need of healing.
2. **Fix Your Eyes on Jesus**  
Spend time acknowledging that healing comes through *His name, His authority, and His presence*.
3. **Ask for Healing and Restoration**  
Pray specifically—for physical needs, emotional wounds, relationships, and spiritual renewal.

4. **Pray for Others**

Lift up people in your life who are “at the gate”—asking God to bring hope, healing, and encounter.

5. **Ask for Boldness**

Pray that the Holy Spirit would help you live as someone who *carries* the presence of Jesus.

## Practice (STEP OUT)

1. **Bring Your Need to Jesus Daily**

Identify one specific area where you need healing. Pray intentionally about it every day this week—moving from vague hope to specific trust.

2. **Stop, Look, and Engage**

Just like Peter and John, slow down this week and notice someone you would normally overlook. Offer presence, encouragement, or prayer.

3. **Participate in the Moment**

- Step into prayer ministry when it’s offered (before/after service)
- Celebrate baptisms intentionally—remembering your own “new life” story
- Invite someone who feels “on the outside” to sit with you, join you, or be included