

Two men walked into a... temple!

Acts 3.1-26

Focus: to present Jesus as the exalted servant of God that we might repent of our unbelief and embrace the fruits of repentance.



If you're fascinated by the temple setting for this story in Acts 3, here's more than you want to know!

<http://charlietaylorministries.com/herod's-temple/>

or there's always wikipedia!

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Second_Temple

Discussion:

- Read the story (3.1-11) aloud and then have your group share their response, i.e. what impacts them most from this story? What does this reveal about who our God is and His mission?
- What was the significance of the man entering the temple? (Lev. 21.16-20 It really is a beautiful gate, isn't it?!)
- How are we like this man? How does this story play out again and again whenever our friends trust Christ?
- What do you love most about this man's response to his healing? Compare and contrast this with our own response to God's work in our lives.
- (optional!) Read Peter's sermon (3.12-26). Trace the interaction between God the Father and the Son in this section and list insights you gain about how these members of the Godhead relate and cooperate.
- What in Peter's speech is a good model for us in sharing the gospel? How important is it for people to grasp their culpability in Christ's death, i.e. that he died for/ because of their sins? What scriptures support this idea?
- List the descriptions Peter uses for Jesus and close with a prayer time to worship Him in light of these descriptions.