



"An Invitation to a Party" Getting Started

Were you ever invited to an exclusive party or what was the best party you ever attended?

Going Deeper

In Acts 3 the crippled beggar was invited to an exclusive party. Both physically and spiritually this man was about to see the world, his place in the world and his standing with God radically change. Let's spend some time seeing how some simple, yet intentional actions (in the book of Acts—get it?) changed this man's life and the lives of those around him.

1. Look Intently

Read [Acts 3:1-10](#)

What is the significance that Peter and John looked at (some versions say "fixed their eyes on") the crippled beggar? v. 4

Why do you think it was important to Peter and John to have the man look at them?

How has the attention of someone else influenced your life?

Who are the people in your

- family
- church
- community
- city
- world

that could benefit from being “looked at”.

If you want to go the extra mile:

Read [Genesis 16](#) and [Genesis 21:8-20](#) Hagar calls God “El Roi” (the God who Sees).

Why was knowing that she was Seen by God so valuable to Hagar?

How could knowing and accepting that God Sees Us influence and impact our hearts?

2. Give Differently

[Acts 3:6](#)

What are ways we give silver and gold?

What are ways we act or give “In the Name of Jesus”?

Which is easier?

Is one more important than the other?

3. Respond Wholeheartedly

Read [Acts 3:7-10](#), [4:13-20](#)

List the actions of the beggar in response to the gift that Peter and John gave him in the name of Jesus?

How would this physical healing bring change to his life?

This man, because of the belief at the time that illness was a direct consequence of sin, had been excluded from the Temple and all the practices that brought people into a right relationship with God.

How would this spiritual transformation have impacted his life?

The beggar and Peter and John could not stop praising God and speaking about Jesus.

What do we find ourselves so excited about that we can't stop talking about it?

How could we create more opportunities to share our excitement about Jesus?

