



In Acts 3:1-10, the apostles Peter and John encounter a lame man begging at the temple gate. When the man asked them for money to help his situation temporarily, the apostles saw his greatest need and gave him more than he ever imagined. That day, the man who had never known the use of his legs went, “Walking, and Leaping, and Praising God.” The main idea of the passage emphasizes the power of Christ at work in and through his apostles as evidence that the kingdom of God had not only come but would continue to advance. We will explore these ten verses from two different angles. First, The Story, then The Sign.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. *Shaping Question: In what ways have you seen the power of Christ at work in your story?*
2. Peter and John acted as the hands and feet of Jesus, bringing his healing power to the lame man. Reflect on your own story—who did God use in your life to bring the good news to you? How might God want to use you to bring Christ’s continuing work to those around you?
3. What were the two signs that Matt pointed out from this text? What does it mean that God’s kingdom is both already but not yet arrived?
4. As a group, read aloud from the similar healing account of Jesus and the paralytic from Luke 5:17-26. What are some similarities between the two texts? In what ways are we ourselves like the paralytic or the lame man?
5. Is there a person in your life who you’re tempted to walk by or ignore, like a beggar asking for money? How can we better engage those people?

**PRAY:** Ask that the Lord would keep our eyes open to see those who the rest of the world ignores. Pray that Christ’s continuing power would work mighty miracles in our church. And that we would be attentive to the leading of the Holy Spirit—following where he guides.