

Touch: Go! In Faith

Intro

Our theme this year is GO FIRST! Last year we learned how to REACH the lost, the broken and the hurting. This year we will build upon that foundation to become people of great faith and boldness. During these coming weeks we will learn about how the Apostles went first.

KEY THEME VERSE: **Matthew 28:19**, *“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...”*

We will continue this week learning from the Apostles who went FIRST after they received the Great Commission and were filled with the Holy Spirit. This week, we will learn about Peter and John’s great faith. They saw beyond the natural realm to see the supernatural miracle that God wanted to do for the lame man. When they responded in faith, they were able to touch the lame man with the healing power of God,

1. What are you looking at?

Acts 3:1-10,

Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth *hour*. **2** And a certain man lame from his mother’s womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple, which is called Beautiful, to ask alms from those who entered the temple; **3** who, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked for alms. **4** And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, “Look at us.” **5** So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them. **6** Then Peter said, “Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk.” **7** And he took him by the right hand and lifted *him* up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. **8** So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them—walking, leaping, and praising God. **9** And all the people saw him walking and praising God. **10** Then they knew that it was he who sat begging alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

- Peter and John saw the miracle that God wanted to do in the lame man's life.
- The lame man saw the Apostles as a way to receive money (temporary thing), but Peter and John saw the gold on the inside of the man that needed to be revealed by the miracle work of God.

- The miracle only happened once the Apostles spoke in faith and reached out to the lame man in boldness.

Prayer

- Pray for your eyes to be opened. Let God show you what He wants to do in every situation. Remember, 2 Corinthians 5:7, *“For we walk by faith, not by sight.”* and Hebrews 11:1, *“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”*
- Pray for understanding of God's Word. Ask God for specific verses to encourage your faith to grow in God.
- Pray for yourself, fellow believers, and the world to believe God's Word.
- Pray for faith, boldness, and release from bondages, it is time to consider what God can do, not the negative circumstances.
- Give praise to God for the answer.
- Lead them in the Salvation prayer, as needed.
- Spend time in worship and prayer allowing for a great touch of the Holy Spirit.
- Pray for the upcoming Reach Day (Evangelism) 15 July.

Communion

- Receive communion together.
- **Luke 22:19-20**, “And He took bread, gave thanks and broke *it*, and gave *it* to them, saying, “This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.” **20** Likewise He also *took* the cup after supper, saying, “This cup *is* the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you.

Upcoming

- Reach Day (Evangelism) 15 July.
- Combined Life Connect Wednesday 26 July.
- Life Connect Bread of Life on Saturday 5 August.