LARGE GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

9.30.26 & 10.7.26

ACTS: Unpredictable

Lesson Summary (Acts 3-4:4):

In Acts 3, Peter and John meet a man who has been unable to walk since birth, and instead of giving him the money the crippled man asks for, God gives him something far greater—healing through the power of Jesus. Pastor Cam's lesson teaches us that quick fixes are not long-term solutions, that we should let God give us what we need rather than always demanding what we want, and that we should give God the credit for what He does in our lives. Peter then uses the miracle to point people toward Jesus, and many who heard his message believed. A transformed life can inspire other people to follow Jesus, just as this man's transformed life helped lead to the growth of the church to about 5,000 believers.

Key Points:

Reflection Questions:

- My life would be better if I had...
- My life would be complete if I found...
- My life would have purpose if I...

3 Key Parts of a Transformed Life:

1. QUICK fixes are not LONG-TERM solutions
2. Let God give you what you NEED, not what you WANT
3. Give CREDIT where CREDIT is due

Result of a Transformed Life

- Our TRANSFORMED lives should INSPIRE other people

Discussion Questions:

Opening Question (Application)

1. Where do you have the most opportunities to live differently (transformed)—school, sports, work, friends, social media, etc.? What would "living differently" actually look like in these areas?

Observation Questions

2. Acts 3:4–8: What did Peter and John give the crippled man instead of the money he was asking for, and what happened to him?
3. Acts 3:8–10: After the crippled man was healed, what did he do, and how did the people who knew him react?

Interpretation Questions

4. Acts 3:6, 16: Peter said the crippled man was healed "in the name of Jesus Christ." What does this tell us about where the power for healing came from?
5. Acts 3:11–16: When the crowd was amazed by the miracle, who did Peter give credit to? Why do you think Peter made sure the crowd knew that Jesus was responsible?

Application Questions

6. Quick Fixes: When something is going on in your life that you KNOW isn't right and needs to be dealt with, what "quick fix" might you turn to just to feel better for the moment?
    a. What would be a better long-term solution?
7. Needs vs. Wants: What is something you are/want to demand that God give you in your life right now?
    a. How could you pray, "God, help me trust You with what I need, not just what I want"?
    b. Why is it sometimes hard to trust that God knows what we need better than we do? What could help you trust Him more?
8. Give Credit: What is something good that has happened in your life recently that you could give God credit for?
    a. On a scale of 1-10, how comfortable are you in sharing with others what God is doing in your life? Explain why.
9. Inspire Others: If you follow Jesus, what's one thing you could do so people around you can SEE that Jesus is changing your life?
    a. Is there someone you know now or in your past, whose life was transformed by Jesus, that inspired YOU to learn more about and possibly follow Jesus yourself?
10. Transformed Life: Acts 4:4 says *many* people believed after hearing Peter's message.
    a. If you are a saved follower of Jesus, how could your transformed life help someone else become interested in Jesus?