



Part 3: What is your story?

Acts 3:1-4:22

Introduction

In the sermon, Karl invited you to think of someone whose story has had a big impact on your life. Maybe you saw a great example of faith, courage, or generosity lived out by someone you respect. Maybe you learned through the difficulties or even the failures of someone you know. Take some time for several group members to share any stories about people who have had a great impact on their lives.

Read Acts 3:1-16, 4:1-22

In this section of Acts, we hear the story of an unnamed lame beggar. Take a moment to recall the details of this passage from Acts. If you are using these questions with your Life Group “build out the story” by having each person provide one detail.

How do you think this man felt before Peter and John came along?

What did the man ask for and what did he receive?

How did the man feel afterward? How did his actions reflect what he felt?

What is your story?

So far in Acts, we have learned that the church is **POWERED** by the Holy Spirit and **DEVOTED** to four things: God’s word, community, generosity, and prayer. Take some time to think about where each of these five things has had significance in your life. Some questions to consider:

- Where have you experienced the **Holy Spirit**?
- Where has **scripture** had significance in your life?
- Where has **community** made a difference?
- Where has **generosity** been meaningful?
- Where has **prayer** changed your understanding and experience of the world around you?

Give time for group members to share their answers to one or all of these questions.

Can you think of a time when you wanted something, but God gave you something far better?

The blind beggar was healed, and the story of his healing had a much broader impact than he probably ever imagined his life would have. Can you think of a time when God worked in your life and your story impacted others?

Sharing your story

In the sermon, Karl challenged us with the idea that just as stories from other people's lives have made a difference for you, so the story of your life can make a difference for others. What part of your story do you think God might want you to share to help others understand his love or his power?