

Ok, Now What?

ACTS CHAPTER 3

“I WILL GIVE YOU WHAT I HAVE”

Acts 3:1-11

- **LOOK AT US**
 - You have to be ready
 - You have to get their attention
- **HE HAD EXPECTATIONS**
 - They know what they want
 - They think they know what you will give
 - They could be disappointed
- **HE GOT MORE THAN HE EXPECTED**
 - If they accept our spiritual gifts it will be more than they expected
 - If all they get from us is physical assistance, then we have been stingy

IT LEAD TO MORE MINISTRY

Acts 2:12-26

- **WITNESS:**
 - **IN THE TEMPLE**
 - Why are you surprised?
 - It is God who did this so that Jesus could be glorified
 - Faith has made this happen
 - **BEFORE THE COUNCIL**
 - Authorities got angry
 - They got to tell the authorities, they were ready
 - They refused to stop

BELIEVERS PRAY FOR COURAGE

Acts 4:23-31

- Peter and John give their report
- The believers lifted their voice in praiseful prayer
- They again went out with boldness

HERE IS THE STICKY PART

- The Lame man
 - Lame from birth
 - Rejoicing at first – then what?
 - His only skill: begging

WHAT DOES HE NEED NOW?

- Physical Shelter
 - Food, Clothes, Housing, Hygiene etc.
- Spiritual Teaching
 - Jesus, God, Holy Spirit, Holy living etc.
- Life Guidance
 - Job skills, Handling Money, Commerce skills, Managing a Household, Marital skills etc.

THE EARLY CHURCH HAD A SYSTEM

Acts 2: 42-47; 4:32-36

- THEY FORMED A COMMUNITY
- Christian Community: ***FAMILY GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS THAT WORSHIP, STUDY, FELLOWSHIP, WORK, SHARE, AND CARE FOR EACH OTHER FOR THE EXPRESS PURPOSE OF GLORIFYING GOD AND SPEADING THE GOSPEL***

WHAT DID THIS COMMUNITY DO?

- They devoted themselves to the Apostles teaching and fellowship
- They met together collectively and in each others homes
- They shared what they had
- They worshiped every day
- They took care of each other.



SO, THAT IS OUR EXAMPLE

ASK YOURSELF:

AM I READY TO FOLLOW
GOD (become a disciple) AND
FOLLOW THE EARLY
CHURCH EXAMPLE?



BEFORE WE GO ON...

THERE IS SOME INFORMATION I WANT TO
SHARE WITH YOU...

59% of Millennials Raised in the Church Have Dropped Out.

Here is what they say is the reason

- 1. No one is listening to us
- 2. We're Sick of Hearing About Values & Mission Statements
- 3. Helping the poor isn't a priority
- 4. We're tired of you blaming the culture
- 5. The "You can't sit with us effect"
- 6. Distrust of how resources are used
- 7. We want to be mentored, not preached at
- 8. We want to be valued
- 9. We want to talk about controversial issues
- 10. We don't like the public perception of the Church
- 11. We don't like that you are talking about us leaving, unless you are going to do something
- 12. You are failing to adapt to the changes in society.

NEXT WEEK

**WE ARE GOING TO SEE HOW THE SYSTEM
WILL WORK TO HOLD ON TO OUR MEMBERS
AND ATTRACT SEEKERS**