

LIFT YOUR EYES...AND EXPECTATIONS

Acts 3.1-26 // June 19, 2022

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT?

John and Peter are going to the Temple to pray, when they speak to a man paralyzed from birth. The man is healed, which catches the attention of all the onlookers. But Peter is quick to point not to himself, but to God.

Peter denies that it had to do with his power or piety, and as we look then at the paralytic, we see that there was no incredible faith there, either. In fact, he doesn't even seem to initially expect money, as his eyes had been averted from them, let alone did he expect or have faith for a healing.

**There was no extra worth in the healer or the healed,
and yet, the miracle happens.**

OUR SORROWS USED TO GLORIFY GOD

John 9.1-3 // John 11.4 // Mark 6.34

We recall from the Gospel of John that Jesus and His followers encountered a man blind from birth. Here, the disciples ask whose fault it was, but Jesus says that it's no one's fault, but that the sickness was here so that "the works of God might be displayed in Him." We may not know exactly why certain trials come upon us, but we can be assured that His desire and plan is to work all things for good.

**His work is hidden in the darkness of *all* of our trials,
and He is always doing 10,000 things in our lives at any given time.
We just don't see it.**

Peter may have seen some of himself in the man. We can't know for sure, but Peter is becoming more and more like the shepherd that Christ called him to be. He uses the opportunity to not just bring physical healing to the man, but spiritual healing both to him and to all the onlookers by sharing the Gospel.

"LOOK AT ME"

Like the paralytic, we often expect too little. We go to God for what we *think* we need, all the while He is willing to give us better. If we would only expect to find God amidst our trials, rather than only some temporal relief, we could see the mighty work of God in our hearts and lives more richly and powerfully.

Philippians 4.4-9

**I know now, oh Lord, why you utter no answer.
You are Yourself the answer.
Before Your face questions die away.
What other answer would suffice?
-CS Lewis**

NOTES:

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

Psalms 66:4

All the earth worships you and sings praises to you; they sing praises to your name.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at tyler@lifemission.tv**.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before group starts, who can share the **Memory Verse**?

Read **Acts 3.1-26**. What stands out in this passage and from the sermon on Sunday?

Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

In what ways do you relate with the paralytic? Are there long term realities that have you hoping just to limp through those situations? What Gospel truth might help you to “look up” and find a greater comfort and grace than the one you are currently hoping for?

Your Life Mission

We ought to hope to become more like Peter. A common, uneducated man who is now on the lookout for lost sheep. What “everyday” places do you go that you can ask the Lord to give you eyes to see differently? Who did you write down on your “Monthly Life Liturgy” that you will be pursuing in a particular way this month, and how could you use prayer for them?

End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the **P.R.A.Y.** model with your group. Pray for these people you have mentioned and for your heart and plan as you pursue them in love.

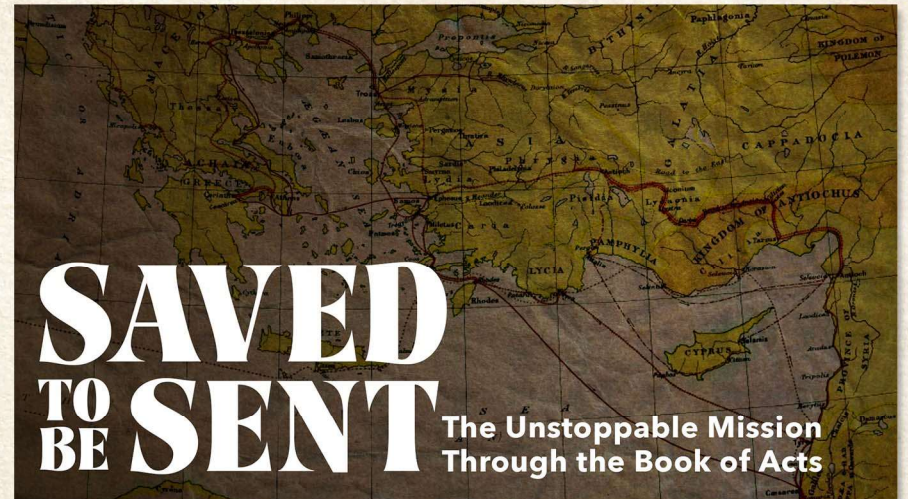
- **Preaching the Gospel to Yourself** (Matthew 6.9, 10)
 - Always begin your time of prayer focusing on God’s goodness, who He is, and what He has done for us. Pray truths from this week’s text.
- **Repent and Confess** (Matthew 6.12)
 - Real repentance begins where blame-shifting stops. Your circumstances don’t need to change, your heart needs to change. Confess any particular sin that prevents you from walking out what God calls us to in the text, or any other particular sin you are wanting to fight. Ask Him to help you have strength to repent and run towards Him.
- **Ask for Provision** (Matthew 6.11-13)
 - Ask God for new perspective and for the things that you need. Once our hearts are fixed on Him, we can ask Him to help us with our needs. When your heart is begin filled with the Gospel first, your asking will be far more in line with God’s desires and will. Ask Him to work in the relationships in your life that you are hoping to share God’s love with.
- **Yield with Thanksgiving** (Matthew 6.10)
 - End your prayer by giving God thanks for His faithfulness and ask Him to help you trust and yield to His work and ways.



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**MAKING DISCIPLES WHO MAKE DISCIPLES LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY,
WHO ARE SAVED, EQUIPPED, AND SENT BY THE GOSPEL.**



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