
Application Guide: Acts 3-4

1. Warm-up (5-10 min)

Choose one:

- a. Think/talk about your favorite Bible story where God used His supernatural powers. What makes this power so interesting to you?

- b. Can you imagine what it would be like to have God's supernatural powers work through you? Which power would you most like to use?

2. Engaging the Chapter (15-20 min)

Picture it: Imagine you are either Peter or John. Try to put yourself in their place in this story. Imagine walking up to the temple and having the cripple ask you for money. Remember, there was no welfare system at that time. Poor people survived only by the generosity of others. Would you be embarrassed that you are so poor that you can't give him any money?

How would it make you feel to know that the power of the Holy Spirit is in you?

How do you think it would feel to be impressed by God to heal someone?

What do you think it would feel like to have the healing power of God surge through you and into the crippled legs of the beggar?

After miraculously healing a beggar and preaching so powerfully that 5,000 people are converted, do you think it would be confusing to have the leaders of the church get mad at you and come to arrest you?



Would you be tempted to think that you had done something wrong?

Would you be confident that it was really God's power that worked through you, or would you wonder if it was possible that it was an influence of evil?

How do you know if a supernatural power is good or evil?

If you had to testify about your relationship with Jesus in front of angry church leaders, do you think the Holy Spirit could speak powerfully through you, even if you were a shy person?

3. Applying the Chapter to Your Life (5-10 min)

a. Even the people who didn't like the Apostles noticed that they had power because they "had been with Jesus." What can you do to "be with Jesus" today?

b. What can you do to remind yourself to spend more consistent time with Jesus?

4. Prayer Time (3-5 min)

a. Pray for the power to do what you know is right.

b. Pray for your friends and family to have the strength to do what is good.

c. Pray for God to remind you to spend more time with Him.

5. Outreach Idea

a. Seek out three people you consider to be spiritual and ask them for tips on how to connect with Jesus.

b. Ask these people to pray for your connection with Jesus to grow stronger.

