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# Acts

## *Chapter 3*

*What I Do Have I Give to You*

MEMORY VERSE · ACTS 3:19

*"Therefore repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord;"*

THIS JOURNAL BELONGS TO _____

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

# This week in Acts 3

A man who had never walked asked two fishermen for spare change, and Jesus gave him his feet instead. This week Acts 3 asks you to bring Him what is lame in your own life, to give Him all the credit when He lifts you, and to turn around — because the One who was put to death is alive and still offering a clean slate.

**How to use this journal**

1. Each day, read the passage slowly — out loud if you can.
2. Answer the **Observe** question from the text before you write what it means.
3. Write honestly on the **Reflect** questions. No one grades this.
4. Do the **Respond** step today, not someday. Say the memory verse.
5. Bring this journal to the group. The last page is for the table.

The full Deep Dive, the O·I·A study and the slides for this chapter are on the Acts study page.

WHERE I AM AS I START THIS CHAPTER

**What is going on in my life right now that I want to bring to God this week?**

DAY 1 OF 5

# The Man at the Gate

READ · ACTS 3:1–5

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

**Where were Peter and John going, at what hour, and how long had the man at the gate been lame (3:1–2)?**

REFLECT

**The man was carried to the same gate every day just to get by (3:2). What have you been settling for just to get through the day, instead of asking God to change you?**

REFLECT

**Peter "fixed his gaze on him" and said, "Look at us!" (3:4). Who are the men people look past — at work, at church, on the unit — and what would it take for you to really see one of them?**

RESPOND — TODAY

**Today, stop for one person you would normally walk past. Look him in the eye, learn his name, and ask how he is doing.**

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DAY 2 OF 5

# What I Do Have

READ · ACTS 3:6–10

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

**What did Peter say he did not have, what did he give instead, and what was the first thing the healed man did with his new legs (3:6–8)?**

REFLECT

**Peter had no money, but he had the name of Jesus (3:6). What has Jesus given you — a story, a prayer, a kind word, your time — that you could give someone else?**

REFLECT

**The man went into the temple "walking and leaping and praising God" (3:8). What has God done for you that you have never really thanked Him for out loud?**

RESPOND — TODAY

**Write down three things Jesus has done for you, and thank Him for each one out loud today.**

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DAY 3 OF 5

# Why Do You Gaze at Us?

READ · ACTS 3:11–16

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

**What did Peter say did not heal the man, and what did he say did (3:12, 16)?**

REFLECT

**Peter would not let the crowd think it was "our own power or piety" (3:12). When something good happens through you, where are you tempted to take the credit?**

REFLECT

**Peter told them they "put to death the Prince of life, the one whom God raised from the dead" (3:15). What does it mean to you that the worst thing men did to Jesus could not keep Him down?**

RESPOND — TODAY

**Think of one good thing in your life you have been quietly proud of, and give the credit to Jesus in a short prayer.**

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DAY 4 OF 5

# Repent and Return

READ · ACTS 3:17–21

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

**What three things does Peter promise to those who repent and return, and how long does he say heaven must receive Jesus (3:19–21)?**

REFLECT

**Repenting means turning around, not just feeling bad (3:19). What is one direction in your life you need to turn around from this week?**

REFLECT

**Peter offered forgiveness to the very people who had shouted against Jesus (3:14, 19). Is there anything you have done that you think is too big for Him to wipe away? What does this passage say to that?**

RESPOND — TODAY

**Name the sin you most need to turn from, tell God plainly, and thank Him that He promises to wipe it away (3:19).**

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DAY 5 OF 5

# For You First

READ · ACTS 3:22–26

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

**Who did Moses say God would raise up, and what does Peter say God sent His Servant to do for them (3:22, 26)?**

REFLECT

**Moses said, "TO HIM YOU SHALL GIVE HEED to everything He says to you" (3:22). Which thing Jesus has said are you finding hardest to listen to right now?**

REFLECT

**God sent Jesus "to bless you by turning every one of you from your wicked ways" (3:26). How is being turned from sin a blessing and not a punishment for you?**

RESPOND — TODAY

**Pick one command of Jesus you have been ignoring and take one small step of obedience to it today.**

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WHEN THE GROUP MEETS

# Questions for the table

FOR THE GROUP · 1

**The lame man had sat at the temple gate for years, close to God's house but never inside (3:2, 8). How can our group make sure no man is left sitting at the gate?**

FOR THE GROUP · 2

**Peter turned the crowd's attention from himself to Jesus (3:12–13). What are some ways men like us can point others to Jesus instead of to ourselves?**

FOR THE GROUP · 3

**Peter called Jesus the Prophet like Moses and said He is coming back to restore all things (3:20–22). How should waiting for Jesus' return shape the way we spend this week?**

MY PRAYER

**Lord Jesus, I have no silver or gold to bring You, but I bring You the lame places in my life and ask You to…**

CUT OUT · CARRY IT · ACTS 3:19

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