

# EMPOWERED

A JOURNEY THROUGH THE BOOK OF ACTS

## Empowered Part 3 – Empowered to Speak the Name of Jesus Pastor Hilary Harris 8.28.2022

### USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We have provided all the Scriptures references in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to discuss the weekend message.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together. Give priority to the needs and pace of your group members.

While the questions are important, remember your group's goal is to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships. Use the discussion questions as you see fit but emphasize the relationships.

### **[Acts 3:1-16]**

<sup>1</sup> Now Peter and John were going up to the temple at the ninth hour, the hour of prayer. <sup>2</sup> And a man who had been unable to walk from birth was being carried, whom they used to set down every day at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, in order for him to beg for charitable gifts from those entering the temple grounds. <sup>3</sup> When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple grounds, he began asking to receive a charitable gift. <sup>4</sup> But Peter, along with John, looked at him intently and said, "Look at us!" <sup>5</sup> And he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them. <sup>6</sup> But Peter said, "I do not have silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you: In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, walk!" <sup>7</sup> And grasping him by the right hand, he raised him up; and immediately his feet and his ankles were strengthened. <sup>8</sup> And leaping up, he stood and began to walk; and he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. <sup>9</sup> And all the people saw him walking and praising God; <sup>10</sup> and they recognized him as being the very one who used to sit at the Beautiful Gate of the temple to beg for charitable gifts, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him. <sup>11</sup> While he was clinging to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them at the portico named Solomon's, completely astonished. <sup>12</sup> But when Peter saw this, he replied to the

people, "Men of Israel, why are you amazed at this, or why are you staring at us, as though by our own power or godliness we had made him walk? <sup>13</sup> The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified His servant Jesus, the one whom you handed over and disowned in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release Him. <sup>14</sup> But you disowned the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, <sup>15</sup> but put to death the Prince of life, whom God raised from the dead, a fact to which we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup> And on the basis of faith in His name, it is the name of Jesus which has strengthened this man whom you see and know; and the faith which comes through Him has given him this perfect health in the presence of you all.

***"For some people, to say 'silver and gold I do not have' is about the worst thing that can be said. They feel the church is in ruins if it must say 'silver and gold I do not have. But it is much worse if the church never has the spiritual power to say, 'In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk.' "***

***David Guzik***

**When we walk with the revelation of the name of Jesus, the power of God is released in and through our lives.**

### **[Ephesians 1:17-21]**

<sup>17</sup> I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know Him better. <sup>18</sup> I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, <sup>19</sup> and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength <sup>20</sup> he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, <sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.

### **[Acts 3:12-13]**

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## **1. Servant**

## **2. Holy & Righteous**

## **Verses on the name of Jesus**

Romans 10:13, Salvation is in the name of Jesus

John 14:13, Answered prayer is in the name of Jesus

Acts 2:38, Forgiveness of sin is in the name of Jesus

Isaiah 9:6, All authority and wise counsel is in the name of Jesus

Proverbs 18:10, Safety and refuge are in the name of Jesus

Mark 16:17-19, Healing is in the name of Jesus

Philippians 2:5-11, Lordship is in the name of Jesus

### **[Philippians 2:8-11]**

<sup>8</sup> And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup> Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**1. The name of Jesus has authority beyond the gate.**

**2. The name of Jesus does a complete work**

### **[Acts 3:7-8]**

<sup>7</sup> And grasping him by the right hand, he raised him up; and immediately his feet and his ankles were strengthened. <sup>8</sup> And leaping up, he stood and began to walk; and he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God.

***"Perhaps only medical men can fully appreciate the meaning of these words; they are peculiar, technical words of a medical man. The word translated feet is only used by Luke, and occurs nowhere else. It indicates his discrimination between different parts of the human heel. The phrase ankle-bones is again a medical phrase to be found nowhere else. The word 'leaping up' describes the coming suddenly into socket of something that was out of place, the articulation of a joint. This then is a very careful medical description of what happened in connection with this man."***

***Keep on praying and asking because Jesus does the complete work.***

**3. The name of Jesus leads to repentance and refreshing.**

***Repentance is turning away from a life of sin and turning face to face with God.***

### **[Acts 3: 16-20]**

<sup>16</sup> And on the basis of faith in His name, it is the name of Jesus which has strengthened this man whom you see and know; and the faith which comes through Him has given him this perfect health in the presence of you all. <sup>17</sup> "And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, just as your rulers also did. <sup>18</sup> But the things which God previously announced by the mouths of all the prophets, that His Christ would suffer, He has fulfilled in this way. <sup>19</sup> 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; <sup>20</sup> and that He may send Jesus, the Christ appointed for you.

### **FOR MONDAY—**

1. Ask and pray for a revelation of the name of Jesus.
2. Speak the name of Jesus "outside the gate" (your family, workplace, health, and any situation).

### **TALK IT THROUGH**

1. What is available to us through the name of Jesus?
2. When you pray in the name of Jesus, are you praying expecting Him to move?
3. Why is a revelation of Jesus required first to experience His power?
4. What is something in which you're still contending for a complete work?
5. Pastor Hilary said the name of Jesus was meant to be "outside the gate".  
Identify the areas where you need to speak the name of Jesus. Discuss how you will do this.
6. How does the name of Jesus lead us to repentance and refreshing?
7. In what areas do you need to repent? In what areas do you need refreshing?