



*IN*POWERED *DISCIPLES*HIP

An Inductive Study of Acts

Spontaneous Discipleship *E*
Acts 3:1-26

Acts 1:8

“But you will receive **POWER**
when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and you
will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea
and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”



DIVINE APPOINTMENTS

God provides **spontaneous opportunities**
for ministry for which He has already
INpowered us to carry out.

OPPORTUNISTIC MINISTRY

Acts 3:1-5

¹Now Peter and John were going up to the temple for the time of prayer at three in the afternoon. ²A man who was lame from birth was being carried there. He was placed each day at the temple gate called Beautiful, so that he could beg from those entering the temple. ³When he saw Peter and John about to enter the temple, he asked for money. ⁴Peter, along with John, looked straight at him and said, "Look at us." ⁵So he turned to them, expecting to get something from them.

➤ **God Provides Opportunities for Ministry. (v. 1)**

- ❖ Peter and John were in the right place at the right time. (v. 1)
- ❖ God placed opportunity in their path. (vv. 2-3)
- ❖ Peter and John were ready, willing and able to serve – they were not oblivious to the needs of others. (vv. 4-5)

POWERFUL MINISTRY

Acts 3:6-8

➤ God Provides Power for Ministry. (v. 6)

- ❖ Peter had no power on his own.
- ❖ He used the spiritual gifts given him to server others.
- ❖ Ministry power brings results. (vv. 7-8)

⁶But Peter said, "I don't have silver or gold, but what I do have, I give you: **In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth,** get up and walk!" ⁷Then, taking him by the right hand he raised him up, and at once his feet and ankles became strong. ⁸So he jumped up and started to walk, and he entered the temple with them—walking, leaping, and praising God.

IMPACTFUL MINISTRY

Acts 3:9-10

⁹All the people saw him walking and praising God, ¹⁰and they recognized that he was the one who used to sit and beg at the Beautiful Gate of the temple. So they were filled with awe and astonishment at what had happened to him.

➤ Impactful Ministry Attracts Attention. (vv. 9-10)

- ❖ When God moves through His people to meet needs, the world notices.
- ❖ The crowd was in awe at what God had done through Peter.

AUTHENTIC MINISTRY

Acts 3:11-12

¹¹While he was holding on to Peter and John, all the people, utterly astonished, ran toward them in what is called Solomon's Colonnade. ¹²When Peter saw this, he addressed the people: "Fellow Israelites, why are you amazed at this? Why do you stare at us, as though we had made him walk by our own power or godliness?"

- **Effective Ministry is Perpetual. (v. 11-12)**
 - ❖ When God's power is displayed through the church it gets noticed and it draws people to the source of that power—Jesus.
- **Authentic Ministry is Unselfish. (vv. 11-12)**
 - ❖ Peter was quick to deflect the praise and use it as an entre to share the Gospel.

FAITHFUL MINISTRY

Acts 3:17-21

➤ **True Ministry
Focuses on Jesus.**

- ❖ Peter makes it clear that faith in Jesus healed the man, not him.
- ❖ Both Peter's faith and the lame man's faith were on display.

¹³The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and denied before Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴You denied the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer released to you. ¹⁵You killed the source of life, whom God raised from the dead; we are witnesses of this. ¹⁶By faith in his name, his name has made this man strong, whom you see and know. So the faith that comes through Jesus has given him this perfect health in front of all of you.

PURPOSEFUL MINISTRY

Acts 3:17-21

➤ **Purposeful Ministry
Points Others to Christ.**

- ❖ God prophesied and fulfilled Christ's death.
- ❖ Christ is alive, ascended, and coming again.
- ❖ All the prophets have proclaimed His coming from the beginning.
- ❖ **Repentant faith is required for salvation.**

¹⁷"And now, brothers and sisters, I know that you acted in ignorance, just as your leaders also did. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had predicted through all the prophets—that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Therefore repent and turn back, so that your sins may be wiped out, ²⁰that seasons of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send Jesus, who has been appointed for you as the Messiah. ²¹Heaven must receive him until the time of the restoration of all things, which God spoke about through his holy prophets from the beginning.

Spontaneous Discipleship



**Always be prepared
to give an answer
to everyone who
asks you to give
the reason for the
hope that you have.**

(1 Peter 3:15, NIV)

***IN**POWERED DISCIPLESHIP*

- **God works through his people** to accomplish miraculous results, both physically and spiritually and people are amazed when they see God's power in action.
- Ministry opportunities can come when we least expect them and have not planned for them – **be ready!**
- **Don't be afraid to speak boldly** in the name of Jesus and never draw attention or acclaim to yourself as a Christian.
- Remember, **the Christian message begins and ends with the name and person of Jesus Christ.**
- Salvation comes by grace, through **faith in Him!**



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Courageous Discipleship
Acts 4:1-31