Discussion Guide

Summer Playlist: wk3 "I Need You" July 16, 2023

Big Idea

 (\mathfrak{P}) We are to authentically acknowledge our desperate need for God, trusting & anticipating His love to minister to us.

| Icebreaker

Throughout your life, what are some ways in which God's love has ministered to you through church attendance?

Discussion Questions

- 1. Read Acts 3:3-8. What was the lame man initially asking of Peter & John? What was God able to give him instead? How was this a greater demonstration of God's love for the man than he was asking for? What is the man's response? Is there a situation in your life where you are asking & anticipating of God, something less than He, in His love for you & others, actually has the power to do? Why are you doing that and what does this perhaps demonstrate about you?
- 2. Read Acts 3:9-10. What were the onlookers filled with & why? Share an example where you have been filled with wonder & amazement at what God's love was able to do that was perhaps over and above typical expectations. What is a miracle you are currently holding out for, while still ultimately trusting God?
- 3. The setting of Acts 3 is the Temple, where people came to worship God. When you come to church do you have an anticipation regarding how God's love may be demonstrated during it, or do you just come out of routine, with little to no anticipation of how His love may move? If you think you may be currently missing out on some of what God's love could & is wanting to do at church, what practices could you employ to influence your level of anticipation prior to walking in the doors?
- 4. Read Acts 3:11. We see in this account how a man is healed & then a crowd gathers. Who is someone you have taken notice of whose pain & brokenness was ministered to by God as they have vulnerably come before Him demonstrating their need for Him? What was their basic story? Has anyone ever noticed this of you and your life? If so, what was the impact on them, specifically in regard to their own faith journey?
- 5. Read Acts 3:12-18. When the crowd has gathered, Peter shares some hard truth. What is this hard truth? Does it surprise you, or no, that Peter does this & why? How have we personally contributed to this "killing of the author of life"?
- 6. Read Acts 3:19-21. What is the grace extended, or a solution provided, we see extended here to counter & address the hard truth? What sin may you need to repent from? (If in a group setting, only share as you feel comfortable as you can & are meant to deal with this primarily with God. However, know that sharing it with a safe one or two others that can be praying for you and holding you accountable, is good. So, consider that.)

Concluding Question

Share thoughts with one another on the song, "I Need You".

Application

- 1. What do you think the Holy Spirit may be saying to you through this sermon and our discussion?
- 2. What is something God wants you to do now?
- 3. Is there a way we can help each other apply what God is showing us?
- Prayer Pray for this week's Heart Check Regional Initiative (Eight Days of Hope) taking place in Buffalo as over 100 Revive Staff & Attendees serve throughout the week alongside 100's more!