

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Sermon: “*What We Give*” *Megan Linton* NSAC Feb. 18, 2024

Series: “*Lessons from the First Church*” **Text:** Acts 3:1-12, 16

Sub-texts: Isaiah 35:2-6, Acts 4:4,30, John 14:12-14, Micah 6:8, Matthew 5:16, 25:40, 1 Peter 3:15, Ecclesiastes 3:11

I. Introduction:

- Have you ever had a divine encounter?
- Have you ever witnessed a miracle?

II. READ: Acts 3:1-12, 16

III. Questions on Text:

1. Why was the crippled beggar at the Beautiful gate? Why were Peter and John there?
2. Why might God have orchestrated the healing to happen at that time and place?
3. What made this particular healing so significant?
4. Do you believe God can use any of His followers to perform miracles? Do you believe God can use *you* to perform miracles?
5. Do you agree with the Alliance’s statement on healing? Why/why not?

Alliance statement of Faith: Section 1.8.

Provision is made in the redemptive work of the Lord Jesus Christ for the healing of the whole person (Isa. 53:4–5; Matt. 8:16–17). Prayer for the sick and anointing with oil are taught in the Scriptures (James 5:13–16) as privileges for the Church in this present age (Acts 4:30).

6. Read the verses mentioned in the Alliance Statement. Then read John 14:12-14 together. Discuss.
7. Have you ever asked God for healing for yourself or someone else? Did what happen cause you to view faith differently?

IV. Life Application Questions:

A. *We are called to give goodness.*

- How has your faith made an impact in your community?
- Read and discuss Micah 6:8. What are some tangible ways we can act out what the Lord requires of us?

B. *We are called to give glory.*

- What does it mean to give glory to God?
- Read Matthew 5:14-16. Is it easy to shine your light before others? Do you ever feel like a lamp under a bowl?

C. *We are called to give good news.*

- What is the good news? What exactly makes it so good?
- Read and discuss 1 Peter 3:15. Do you always feel prepared to give an answer? How can you make yourself more prepared?

IV. Concluding Questions/Prayer:

- Why do you think some people are healed while some people are not?
- Have you ever been disappointed by the lack of a miracle or provision in your life or someone else's?
- Read and discuss Ecclesiastes 3:1-14.
- ***Pray together:***
 - Pray for God to use the members of your small group for goodness, glory, and good news. Pray that our church would be known for these things.
 - Pray over any hurts and heartaches or disappointments that have come up during discussion. Pray for the God of comfort to draw near.
 - Praise God for His all-knowing goodness and glory. Thank Him for the good news of Jesus Christ.