

# **WEEKLY GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE**

**Week of Sunday May 3, 2026**

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## INTRODUCTION

In **Acts 3:1–19**, God is not offering a temporary fix or asking people to earn their way back to Him, but inviting them into full restoration through Jesus. Many of us live in the tension of knowing we've been forgiven, yet still feeling stuck in our past or trying to prove ourselves. We can believe truth in our minds but still carry guilt, fear, or pressure in our daily lives. This passage invites us to move beyond surface-level faith into real transformation. As a group, let's explore what it means to truly receive what Jesus has done and live differently because of it.

### **Main Passage:**

Acts 3:1–19

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

# Living Erased

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### READ ALOUD

Acts 3:1–19

**Opening Question:** When have you experienced wanting something temporary, but realizing later you needed something deeper?

- What stands out to you about the man at the temple gate and his situation?
- What do you notice about how Peter responds to the man and the crowd?
- What does this passage reveal about what Jesus offers people beyond immediate needs?
- Where might this passage challenge how we normally think about forgiveness, change, or following Jesus?

### APPLY

- Where in your life do you find it hard to believe that God has fully forgiven you?
- What is one area where you may be trying to earn God's approval instead of resting in His grace?
- What would it look like this week to live like your past no longer defines you?

### RESPOND

- What is one step you can take this week to walk in freedom instead of guilt or fear?
- Who is one person you can encourage with what God is teaching you right now?

### **DIGGING DEEPER** *(optional)*

Read Acts 3:20–26

- What new insight about Jesus do you see in this part of the chapter?
- How does this section connect to the message of repentance and restoration?
- What themes do you notice across the whole chapter?

### **PRAY**

Take a few moments to quietly reflect on what God may be showing you. Invite God to reveal any areas where you are holding onto guilt, fear, or striving. Ask Him for help to trust His forgiveness and walk in obedience. If needed, confess sin honestly and receive His grace. Thank Jesus for His finished work and the freedom He offers.

## QUESTIONS FOR FAMILIES

Acts 3:1–19

- What happened to the man in this story, and who helped him?
- What did Peter say about where the power came from?
- What does it mean to “turn back” to God?
- Why is forgiveness important in our relationship with Jesus?

*For younger children:* Parents, remind your child that Jesus can help and forgive us, and we can trust Him every day.

*For older kids or students:* What is one area in your life where you need to turn back to God this week?

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## BIBLE READING PLAN (OPTIONAL)

**Scripture to read as you pray this week:**

- **Day 1:** Acts 4:1–12
- **Day 2:** Acts 4:13–22
- **Day 3:** Acts 4:23–31
- **Day 4:** Acts 4:32–35
- **Day 5:** Acts 4:36–37

## **What's Going On?**

Acts 3 shows how God uses a physical miracle to point to a deeper spiritual reality. The healing of the man draws attention, but Peter quickly redirects that attention to Jesus. The miracle is not the destination, it is the doorway. It creates an opportunity for people to see who Jesus is and respond to Him.

Peter moves the moment from amazement to invitation, calling people to repent and turn back to God. The focus is not just changed circumstances, but transformed lives through Jesus.

## **A Bit of Background**

The man sat daily at the temple gate, close to worship but unable to fully enter because of his condition. This highlights how someone can be around spiritual things but still not fully experience relationship with God. His healing is not just physical, it represents access, he is now able to enter in.

Also, in Jewish culture, sins were covered through repeated sacrifices, not fully removed. There was always a reminder of sin and the need for ongoing atonement. When Peter says sins can be wiped out, he is introducing a major shift through Jesus. Forgiveness is no longer temporary or partial, it is complete. That would have been both shocking and freeing for those hearing it.