Acts 3:1-26 Discussion Questions

- The man at the temple gate expected money but received something far greater (vv. 1–10). How does this encounter illustrate the sermon's main idea that Jesus gives us more than we know to ask for?
- Why does Peter redirect the crowd's attention from himself and John to Jesus (vv. 12–16)? What does this teach us about the source of spiritual power?
    - Where are you tempted to rely on your own ability or feel held back by what you lack when serving others?
    - How would you encourage someone who fears they have not been healed because their faith is too weak? What does it mean to place our faith in Jesus rather than in the strength of our faith?
- Why does Peter confront the crowd's rejection of Jesus instead of simply explaining the healing (vv. 13–15)? What does this reveal about their deepest need and ours?
- What is one circumstance you are tempted to think must change before you can be okay? How can you bring that need to Jesus while seeking the forgiveness and peace only He gives?
- Peter calls the crowd to repent and turn back (vv. 17–21). What does repentance involve? What makes this invitation surprising after what Peter has said about their rejection of Jesus?
    - The sermon described a clean record, a refreshed soul, and a restored future. Which of these promises do you most need to remember right now, and why?

    - What is the difference between facing the consequences of forgiven sin and trying to keep paying for it yourself?
    - Why do we sometimes expect repentance to bring only loss or shame? How does God's promise of refreshment change the way we approach confession?

- What has God used to refresh your soul through His Word and His people? What helps you keep coming to Him when you feel spiritually dry?
- How does this man's healing give us a glimpse of the restoration Jesus will bring when He returns (v. 21)? How does that hope shape the way we face suffering now?
- When God has not changed something you have prayed about, what might you be tempted to conclude about Him? How do the cross and resurrection help you trust His love and power?
- Peter points to God's promises through Moses and Abraham (vv. 22–26). How does Jesus fulfill those promises? Why does verse 26 describe turning us from wickedness as a blessing?
- The sermon said, "Someone else's suffering should have a claim on our comfort." Who needs your attention, generosity, or willingness to be inconvenienced this week? How can our group help?