

## Faith = Yes!

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### BIG IDEA

The Spirit of God desires to use you to accomplish extraordinary things. Simply put, many of us miss out on seeing the extraordinary because we fail to say 'yes' to the opportunities provided us by the Spirit of God. There will be a cost in saying 'yes', but the reward of seeing lives transformed and the gospel of Jesus being proclaimed will be worth it.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read **Acts 3:1-11** as a Community Group and work through the following questions:

1. Peter, led by and filled with the Holy Spirit did what no other passer buyers did – he said yes to the Spirit of God and stopped to engage the crippled beggar. Saying 'yes' to the Spirit of God requires listening to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. Share with your CG some recent instances where the Holy Spirit prompted you. What was your response? What was the result?
2. Clearly, Peter could have kept on walking, but he chose to stop and serve this crippled beggar. Although not having with him what the man was asking for (money), Peter offered this man something greater. Looking at Peter as an example, how might we grow as people who say 'no' to the things we want to do (keep on walking), and 'yes' to the things the Spirit of God would want us to do? What attributes do you see in Peter that you'd love to see in you?
3. It would be easy to look at this story of the healed crippled and declare *'Well, that may have worked for the Apostle Peter, but that would never happen to someone like me.'* Why do we do this? Meaning, why do we believe that God only does extraordinary things with certain people – people other than us? If you are a Christian, then the same Spirit that was within Peter is within you! How might we begin to live confidently trusting that the Spirit of God within us desires to use us to transform those around us?
4. **Faith = Yes!** Take some time to share with your CG things that you think the Spirit of God might be leading you to say 'Yes' to. There will be a cost to saying 'yes' but the consequence of saying no to the Spirit of God is that you will miss out on experiencing the activity of God. Spend some time praying for one another – specifically that we'd ALL grow in saying 'Yes' to the Spirit of God.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Alanna DeMella Fundraising Gala** – Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Learn more about how you can support the Alanna & Joshua Foundation via the [GENESIS Website](#)
- **This Sunday** – Join us this Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> as we celebrate Palm Sunday!
- **Good Friday** – Join the GENESIS Community on **Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM** for a powerful remembrance of Jesus on the cross nearly 2,000 years ago. NO child-care will be provide.
- **Easter Celebration** – Join the GENESIS Community for ONE WORSHIP GATHERING on **Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 10AM**. Come early at 9:30AM for coffee and pastries.