

March 10 – 16

Saints and Sinners | With Jesus

Icebreaker: Talk about a time in your life (or someone else you know) when you thought you needed one thing but actually needed another. Why were you (or they) blind to the actual need?

Read Acts 3:1-10

- What do we know about Peter and John? What has happened leading up to this story?
- What is the setting? Where does this take place? What would the atmosphere have been like?
- What do we learn about the lame man? How might you be feeling if you were the lame man?
- How would you feel if you were Peter and John in this situation?
- What did the man think he needed? What would have happened if Peter had given the man what he wanted?
- What did the man really need? Why do people have a hard time seeing their real needs?
- How are some physical needs a sign of a spiritual need for Jesus? How do we balance meeting physical needs and spiritual needs?
- What do you think people who you come in contact with need? How do you usually respond to their needs?
- How did the people respond to this man's healing? What does this tell us about one of the purposes of miraculous healing?
- What do we learn about the character of God in this story?

Read Acts 3:11-21.

- What is the big idea Peter wants them to understand through this sermon he gives to the onlookers?
- What do they need to know about God? How must they respond?
- According to verse 21, what is the promise to those who repent and follow Jesus?

Read Acts 4:13

- Why were the religious rulers surprised by Peter and John?
- What would it take for people to recognize that Jesus is a part of your life? How should your life be different? What would help them know that it is because of Jesus?