

INTRO

The passage that Ash focused on in her sermon today was Acts 3:1-11.

Read Acts 3:1-11 outloud together

What stands out to you in this story?

IDEA 1

In this Acts account we see that as Peter and John approach the Temple, a man lame from birth is being carried in and put beside the Temple gate, the one called Beautiful, so that he can beg. In the midst of their daily hustle, we have this moment where the lame man, Peter and John happen to all find themselves at the same gate at the same time.

What are the gates that we pass through in our daily hustle? Name some together as a group.

Who are the people at those gates? Who do you notice calling out looking for connection?

Throughout her sermon, Ash shared stories of people bringing the tangible peace, presence and power of Jesus to those at the gates.

How did these stories impact you? Challenge you? Inspire you?

Does anyone have any stories to share of ways that they've engaged with people "at the gates?" Where have you been able to bring the peace, presence and power of Jesus to others recently?

IDEA 2

Ash started her sermon by posing the question: What did Jesus mean when he said, “Go and make disciples?”

In light of what you heard in the sermon, how would you now answer that question?

EXPERIENCING GOD TOGETHER

Take time to listen to the Holy Spirit together.

Set a timer for 2-3 mins, ask the following questions and listen what Holy Spirit has to say in response:

- **What “gate” are you calling me to engage in?**
- **Is there someone at that gate you are asking me specifically to show the peace, power and presence of Jesus to?**

After the timer goes off, invite others to share what Holy Spirit brings to mind

PRACTICE THIS WEEK

As you go about your daily hustle, and find yourself at one of the “gates” you’ve discussed, look for opportunities to bring the peace, power and presence of Jesus. And don’t forget to listen for the audibles of Holy Spirit.

End by praying that God would give you the awareness of these things throughout the week and the courage to respond when the Holy Spirit prompts you.