

# PRAYER + MISSION

How the Gospel  
Shapes Our Lives?  
April 15

## Open

As we continue to talk about the themes of prayer and mission this month, let's talk about what it means to be on mission with Jesus.

People come from very different background when it comes to missions. What are some of the things you have been taught about what missions? What have you been taught about what this looks like for Christians?

## Reflect

Shortly after the beginning of the church in Acts 2, Peter and John continued to lead the church on its mission to share the message of Jesus. Please read Acts 3:1-11.

What were Peter and John doing at the temple? What makes this detail more than just a "right time, right place" moment? What does it tell us about their habits or practice?

What was the difference between what the beggar was expecting and what he received?

## Apply

How does the Gospel change how we see the needs in our lives and in others lives?

How had Jesus' resurrection and the Holy Spirit changed the attitude of the disciples? (For glimpses of what it looked like before please read Matthew 26:56, 75; 28:16-17; John 20:19; 26)

How does the Gospel want to shape your life as it did the disciples?

What are some practical ways to allow the Gospel to shape your life?

## Close

As you close your group this week, please give out a piece of paper to everyone and ask them to write down their deepest spiritual need. Give them a moment to consider what their greatest spiritual need is, because just as the beggar thought that he needed money, what he needed on a deeper level is the healing of the Gospel. We sometimes think we need this or that before our life will be right. But it is good to dig a little deeper and to ask God to reveal our real deep needs and then ask him to fill them. (They won't be sharing this unless they want to so please encourage them to be honest.) Wrap the group up by giving space to pray for one another or to have silent prayer asking God to meet their deepest needs.