



Icebreaker:

This past Sunday Pastor Miles shared a quick encouragement from Acts 3 when Peter healed the lame man at the temple. When the lame man received a miraculous healing, his response was immediate by jumping, walking, leaping, and praising God. Share with each other one instance when you felt helpless or hopeless, like the lame man, and experienced a miraculous event that could only be attributed to God causing you to be in awe and a worshipful spirit.

Examples:

- When you did not have enough money to pay rent but then an unexpected check came in the mail.
- When you shared the gospel for the first time
- Experienced healing

Encouragement:

The focus of the message was dedicated towards what the Lord is doing through the Rock's outreach and digital ministries. So many lives have been touched and it's the Rock's commitment to continue to be witnesses throughout Jerusalem (our spheres of influence), Judea (our state), Samaria (Country), and the ends of the earth.

Question: Where is your "Jerusalem"? The place where you spend the most time and can be a living witness to those around you.

Francis of Assisi is credited for saying, "Share the gospel with everyone you can and use words if necessary."

Scripture: John 6:1-13

In the Gospel of Mark, we see that this event was during Passover, a time when pilgrims would travel to Jerusalem. With Jesus' reputation growing, people who were curious and fascinated flocked to hear His teaching reaching the number of 5,000 not including women and children. In verse 5 it says that Jesus turned to Phillip asking, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?"

- Question: Why didn't Jesus ask Peter, John, Bartholomew or any other disciples? Why is Jesus "Picking" on Phillip?

[LEADER NOTE Because Phillip needed a test. Jesus ministered to the disciples, the crowds, but still took special notice of Phillip and wanted to prove something to him. *John 6:6*, "6 He

was testing Phillip, for he already knew what he was going to do.” Jesus knew He wasn't going to go buy bread, but He said this to test Phillip. He was trying to decide whether Phillip really believed in His power, whether Phillip had gotten anything from seeing all the miracles, from hearing all the words Jesus spoke.]

Phillip's response was practical by stating that they don't have the money to provide for the people. Andrew (Peter's younger brother) thought outside the box and noticed a little boy had five barley loaves and two fish but realized that it was insufficient to feed to many people.

Question: Andrew almost had it right! He started with a faithful response but allowed doubt to retract his suggestion. How many times have you passed up an opportunity to minister because of fear? How many times have you passed up opportunities for the Lord to work Because you were timid about the response?

Verses 10-14 record Jesus' response, not lecturing Phillip or Andrew, but using them to participate in the miracle. When their faith was lacking they stuck to the basics and obeyed the Lord. The Lord told them to group up the people, and serve the food. Not only were they also able to partake in the feast **but** there were 12 baskets of leftovers.

[LEADER NOTE Why did Jesus really care about the leftovers? No sense in wasting food and it was possibly a memorial, 12 Baskets for 12 Disciples. He just provided the next day's food for those twelve which would be reminder to make sure that their trust had moved out to meet the test.

You've heard it said from other Kingdom Warriors, "I went to go and serve and be a blessing and I was the one most blessed!" I'd encourage you to serve, step out in obedience, and you will see how much you're blessed in return.]

Prayer:

- Pray that the Lord would allow us to be tested so that we may grow more in the Character of Jesus.
- Pray how you can be a living witness to your Jerusalem
- Ask the Lord how you can be used in the miracle of spreading the gospel through the outreach and digital ministries.

Next Steps:

* On November 12th, the Rock will be taking a special year-end ALL IN offering to support Toys for Joy, outreach ministries, each of our campuses, and global evangelism. Begin asking God how He would like you to participate in this offering. There is reason we feel blessed when we give. It is because when we do we are being like God, the ultimate Giver.

Monthly Update:

This past Sunday we highlighted Rock Church's impact around the world. If you'd like to stay updated, you can sign up for our Global Outreach updates here

Link:

<https://therocksandiego.wufoo.com/forms/mmwc96r14h2lmt/>

Consider planning a service trip for your rGroup to deepen your relationships and have the opportunity to serve together. We have great day trips to Tijuana monthly to visit orphanages, build homes and bless our Mexican partners.

Link:

<http://www.sdrock.com/globaloutreach/trips/>

3. Have your rGroup meet one of the Rock missionaries and hear what God is doing through the Rock around the world. All of our missionaries will be back in San Diego for a retreat between December 10-17th. We can help you connect with them or set up a video call any time of the year, so they can share stories with your group. Email Global Outreach for more information on how you can connect with a missionary! globaloutreach@sdrock.com

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