

# Sermon Study Guide – April 14th, 2024

## *"You Have Something to Offer"*

1) Thoughts to get you started...

- ◆ What do you feel like you have to offer in terms of your faith or your service in Christ's kingdom?
- ◆ Do you ever feel church work is something best left to others? Why do you think this work isn't for you? Would God agree or disagree with this conclusion?

2) Today's Message: Acts 3:1-20 (see bulletin for full text)

*One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer—at three in the afternoon. <sup>2</sup> Now a man who was lame from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts. <sup>3</sup> When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. <sup>4</sup> Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, "Look at us!" <sup>5</sup> So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them. <sup>6</sup> Then Peter said, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk..."*

3) What does God want you to hear today?

*Throughout the sermon, consider...*

How does today's sermon show you your sin? (i.e. What's the law?)

How does today's sermon show your Savior? (i.e. What's the gospel?)

Law:

Gospel:

How does today's sermon change how you want to live your life?

*Answer the following questions if it helps you follow the sermon...*

1. What is a platitude? Why is it often called “empty platitudes”?
2. How might you feel that all you can offer are “empty platitudes” when it comes to helping others or sharing your faith?
3. What did Peter offer the man in our sermon text, and how might it make us feel like we are lacking?
4. By the end of our sermon text, how different is what Peter offered this man to what we can offer others?
5. Though we haven’t seen the resurrection, how are we still witnesses of this message, just like Peter was?
6. What can we always offer others? Why are we perfectly equipped for this task?

#### 4) Taking it Home:

*Read the following sections of the Bible to reinforce this week’s truths:*

**Monday:** *review* 1 John 1:5-2:2

**Thursday:** 1 Peter 3:8-22

**Tuesday:** *review* Luke 24:36-49

**Friday:** *review* Acts 3:1-20

**Wednesday:** *review* Psalm 150

**Saturday:** Romans 12