

Sermon Worksheet, 9/27/09

So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off. The two of them, sent on their way by the Holy Spirit, went down to Seleucia and sailed from there to Cyprus. (Acts 13:3-4)



Passage: Acts 3:1-16

Theme: Sent by the Holy Spirit, No.6

In this drill, we will learn who actually expands the kingdom of God, and who we are as its vessels.

Observations:

- 1) What happened so far in the book of Acts—after Jesus' ascension till the end of chapter 2. Do you find any stories of miracles except the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and the salvation of 3000 people? With that in mind, what role do you think the story of chapter 3 has in this book?
- 2) Pay attention to vv. 1-5. It tells us that this was crippled from birth, and was placed at this temple gate everyday. It also says that Peter and John were going through that gate for the regular 3 o'clock prayer time. Why do you think Luke is telling us these details? How differently would a reader read if there were not these details?
- 3) Compare between v. 12 and v. 16. Concerning how this man was healed, what difference(s) do you find between the way people thought and the way Peter explained (there are two expressions used for each way). What truth is presented here at this point as the reader continues to read the rest of the book on how the kingdom of God was preached by the apostles and the other workers?

Personal Applications:

- 1) We are learning a very important truth about God's workers/vessels. What is it? Please explain it in your own words, as it is so different from how people usually think.
- 2) What is really "**our own power or godliness**" that Peter speaks of in v. 12? What attitude or lifestyle do you expect to see in the people who think that God's work is done by them in that way?
- 3) Who actually expands the kingdom of God? In order to make it clear, try to reveal, in your own words, what is not written or not seen by physical eyes in this story: in other words, explain how you see this man was healed, and how the healing was used in spiritual perspective.

Prayers, and etc.

- 1) Pray that you as a vessel of God will be a better one in your thoughts and attitude, and be used by God more.
- 2) Do you believe that God's kingdom will be expanded through your group of prayer time? If so, go ahead and confess that to God.
- 3) Pray for the recent newcomers, and the individuals whom you want to bring to church till the end of October. Please list their names and include the list in your report.