

Radical Hospitality

Lesson 4



Radical Hospitality in Action



Focus Text

1 Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. **2** And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms from those who entered the temple; **3** who, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked for alms. **4** And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, "Look at us." **5** So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them. **6** Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk." **7** And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. **8** So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them—walking, leaping, and praising God. **9** And all the people saw him walking and praising God. **Acts 3:1–9.**



Target Objective

In lesson 4, we will see how true hospitality involves sharing the greatest gift we have: Jesus. We will learn how to give from the abundance of the Spirit to meet spiritual needs, trusting in the power of Jesus' name to transform lives. Just as Abraham gave all that he had to God and his angelic guests, Peter and John gave the lame man all that he needed—the precious and powerful name of Jesus.



Lesson 4 Growth Work

Group Discussion:

- Read Luke 10:38–42. How does what you have learned about radical hospitality change your perspective on Martha’s determination to take care of the practical needs of the disciples? Jesus makes it clear that Mary had chosen the most important priority. How can we make sure that, when we serve others, we don’t lose sight of the best things?
- In Exodus 4:2, God asked Moses, “What is in your hand?” What has God placed in our hands that we can give to others?
- Encouragement, prayer, and comfort are a few of the “free” gifts of God that we can freely give to others. What are some other free gifts of God that we can freely give to those in our world?

Personal Practice:

- **Be Bold.** This week, intentionally offer to pray for someone who shares a struggle or need with you. Ask them if they are comfortable for you to pray right then and there, and if they are, then pray with boldness. Pray for healing or provision in the name of Jesus.
- **Share Your Faith.** Look for a natural opportunity to share your testimony of how Jesus has impacted your life.
- **Look Beyond Material Needs.** When approached with a request for material help, ask God to show you any deeper spiritual needs you can address.