**Murray Baptist Church – April 21, 2020**

**Acts 3:1-12 – Anointing, Healing, Leadership**

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| **Verse(s)** | **Focus** | **Connections** | **Takeaways** |
| 1 | Peter and John | What was their role in Jesus Ministry? Who were the three most prominent disciples relative to interactions with Jesus?  Matthew 17:1 – Mount of Transfiguration; Matthew 26:37 – Garden of Gethsemane | These two, along with James (the brother or John) has spent private times with Jesus apart from the other disciples. |
| 1 | The temple at the hour of prayer | Act 2:46-47 | Praising God, you’ll see it as an ongoing theme for Luke |
| 2 | Lame man | Leviticus 21:16-18 – excluded from priesthood  Luke 7:22 – Listed among those receiving a Messianic healing; Luke 14: 13, 21 – Listed among the outcasts invited to the banquet | Do you have a physical condition that holds you back? You are not held back or excluded from the Kingdom of God   1. Is there a ministry of excluded people the MBC can focus on reaching? |
| 34 | Almsgiving | In Jewish culture almsgiving played an important role as it was a means of providing justice to others. This would have been a concern to Jews. Rabbis resisted the institutional sharing of possessions because they felt it would make the practice of commandment impossible. Luke often refers to and endorses giving alms (Luke 11:41; 12:33; Acts 9:36; Act 10:2,4,31; Acts 24;17) | How do we ensure others are included in grace God gives us? What prevents us from demonstrating such grace? |
| 4 | Peter…….then John | John is almost mentioned as an afterthought. See also Acts 2:14, 37 | As in other places, Luke struggles to make the apostolic action communal. What can we learn from that today? |
| 5 | The lame man’s expectation was reset | Unfulfilled expectation turns to unexpected blessing |  |
| 6 | I don’t have what you’re looking for but I have something else | Luke creates a moment of suspense | How do you get past the disappointment when you don’t hear what you want to hear? When you don’t get what you want? |
| 6 | Silver and Gold | The disciples are associated with the community of possessions but at this point have not been recognized as the administrators of those possessions | Give what you have been equipped to give;  Walk in the anointing God has given you |
| 6 | The Name of Jesus | The disciples gave something more valuable than silver and gold, and they did it for free  Contrast this response with the situation in Acts 8:18-24 | This should not be the source of denominational separation about the formula for salvation (Ex: Only saved if baptized in Jesus name) |
| 7 | Took him by the right hand | There is no clear spiritual connection here, you can certainly make a case for a semantic or symbolic connection |  |
| 7 | Immediately | This a common word for Luke – see (Luke 1:64; 4:39; 8:44, 47, 55; 13:13; 18:43, Acts 5:10; 12:23; 13:11) |  |
| 8 | Began to walk | Luke emphasizes the work done and them emphasis on the healing by using seven verbs to capture the action of what happened | Do we recognize the details of that go into the blessings God bestows on us? |
| 9 | Praising God | This is the focal point of the healings, signs, miracles, etc. – see Luke 2:20; 5:25-26; 7:16; 13:13; 17:15; 18:43 | The goal of healing is restoration to a people that praises God |
| 10-11 | Astonishment and amazement…running together | Astonishment (thambos) (Luke 4:36; 5:9) and amazement (ekthambos) (Luke 2:47; 5:26; 8:56; 24:22; Acts 8:9, 11, 13) | Common elements in Greek novels and romances |
| 12 | Our own power or holiness (piety) | The manifestation is obvious, it’s not man’s power but God’s power- see a similar deflection of power in Acts14:15 (by Paul) | Always know where the power (Dynamis) comes from. |