# The Leading of the Spirit 2. Inspiration to bring healing

# Acts 3:1-10

# Credit where it’s due

## Many of us want appreciation from others but God asks for a different attitude from believers

# The leading of the Spirit in Acts

## Luke wrote Acts as the second half of the Good News (1:1-4)

### The first book (Luke) tells what Jesus began to do and to teach until Ascension (1:2)

### Acts tells us what Jesus continued to do through the Apostles and Church when they were baptised in the Spirit

## Luke wrote Chapters 3 & 4 to follow chapter 2

### It’s a repeat of the structure but the result is different

## Acts is telling us ‘there is no formula in a relationship with God’

# The Holy Spirit moves

## A demonstration of 2:43

### The story is told in a matter of fact manner

## He surprises everyone

## Peter is inspired to speak out of what he has seen and heard

### He saw Jesus do miracles and knew that it was possible

### He saw that Jesus didn’t have to work himself up to do a miracle

#### Luke 5:17b ‘the power of the Lord was present to heal the sick’

### It was about the Spirit’s presence and blessing in a particular way

# The response of faith

## Peter’s words & actions

### ‘Look at us’

### ‘In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk’

#### This statement is about the continuing power of Jesus

### A helping hand

## The man’s reaction

### Walking and leaping and praising God

#### A fulfilment of a Messianic prophecy in Isa 35:6

### He went into the temple with them

## This left people amazed…

### They recognised the man and that God had been at work

# The focus of God's glory is Jesus

## God works through the humble

### If you are following Christ closely you may not get the credit

# If you would like God to use you to bring healing

## Recognise the moment

## Seize the moment

## Do it for them

## Do it for God’s credit

### Being Spirit-led is scary!

# Homegroup/Private Study questions

# Getting the credit

## What is it like being taken for granted?

### How does it make you feel?

### How does it make you think?

## What different attitude does God ask of the believer?

### How can this be sustained without building up resentment?

### How does an understanding of Biblical humility help us in this?

# The leading of the Spirit

## To what extent do you agree that there is ‘no formula in a relationship with God’?

### Does this mean that regular prayer times and Bible reading do not build up credit with God?

#### If not, what does it do?

# God and healing

## In this passage (Acts 3) there is no mention of spiritual gifts or of the gift of healing

### Why do you think this is?

## What is the Christian gift of healing and is it still used in today’s world?

### Have you seen it in operation? Describe it

## In what ways does God bring healing today?

### Why does God do this for some and not for others?

### Is it a matter of faith? If so, whose faith?

# Those moments

## How do you think Peter knew that God would heal the man?

## Have you had one of those moments when you just knew God was at work and an opportunity was offered?

### Describe the context and one such incident

### How did you know it was there?

### What happened and what were the consequences?

## The believer is asked to ‘give God the glory’.

### What does this mean and how do we do that?