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3-2-1 We have lift off – Silver and gold have I none

AIM: To gain greater confidence in moving in the power of the Spirit and praying for the sick

PASSAGE: ACTS 3: 1-10

LAUNCH:

When was the last time you engaged in a conversation with a complete stranger on any subject?

Divine Opportunities:

When was the last time you felt prompted by the Holy Spirit outside of the church to engage in a conversation, pray with someone or generally talk about your faith?

How do you usually respond when you feel prompted? What encourages you to step out in faith to engage in that conversation or if you struggle to what do you feel stops you?

The True Value inside us:

Part way through verse 6 Peter says “...But what I do have I give to you...”

Discuss together what you think Peter is referring to.

How do we respond today when faced with this situation?

Is it easier to just give the “silver or gold” and walk away? Why?

Does having the silver and gold prevent us in some way from moving in the power of the Spirit?

If so how?

What might other types of silver and gold be in the modern world that hinder our dependence on the Spirit?

The Faith Step:

Peter takes a step of faith verse 7 to help the beggar to his feet. We read at this point instantly his feet and ankles became strong. Discuss whether you think the beggar would have been healed if Peter doesn't help the lame beggar up?

Ask the group to share examples of times they have witnessed healings whether for themselves or others.

What was the reaction when someone was healed?

Jesus spoke in John 14:12 onwards about being able to do even greater things than he did.

What do we think of this and do we believe we have the power to do greater things?

Spend some time praying in faith for the sick.