**Pastor Demetric Felton Sr. May 21, 2017**

**Jesus Makes All The Difference**

ACTS 3:1-26

**Key truth:** Jesus Christ has the power to change your life today.

**The lame man represents a real life sermon illustration:**

1. Lame from birth - the truth is all of us are born

 “spiritually lame”-unable to walk so as to please God.

2. A beggar - We are spiritually bankrupt before God,

 unable to pay the tremendous debt that we owe Him.

3. Unable to enter the Temple - We cannot enter the

 presence of God until Jesus deals with our sin.

4. A living testimony - Jesus Christ wants our life to be a

 living testimony of the reality of His resurrection.

**In order for Jesus to work through us we must:**

1. Be willing to be interrupted in our daily lives.

 A. We may not be rich by the world’s standard but

 we are rich in Jesus Christ (rich in mercy,

 forgiveness, and healing).

2. Be willing to share Jesus Christ with others without

 fear.

3. Be willing to give a helping hand.

4. Be willing to deflect the glory from you and give it to

 Jesus.

**Taking It Beyond the Walls:** The most valuable thing we can give people is Jesus Christ. Look for opportunities this week to share the love of Jesus.

**Connection Group Study Questions**

For the Week of May 21, 2017

Looking back at your notes from this weekend’s message, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

What is the most frightening thing you have ever attempted for Christ? What happened?

READ ACTS 3:4-6: What did Peter give to the lame man?
How did the people react to what had happened? Why do you think Peter decided to work that miracle at that day and time? Have you experienced or witnessed a miracle? What was your reaction?

READ ACTS 3:11-15: What did Peter accuse his audience of doing? Why was it important for the crowd to understand the gravity of their sin?

Read Romans 3:9-20: Do you think it is still important for people to understand the seriousness of their sins? Why or why not? (cf. Romans 3:21-26)

READ 3:19: How would you explain to someone what it means to “repent and be converted”?

Read ACTS 3:22-26: Is it possible to fully understand the person and purpose of Jesus Christ without any knowledge of the Old Covenant Scriptures? Why or why not?