

**Outline & Discussion Questions: Uncharted Territory**  
**God's Timing – Acts 3:1-10**

**Drawn from the June 1, 2025 sermon by Pastor Rick Dietzman**

**Opener:** What is one of the most amazing things you have ever seen?

***Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. Acts 2:43***

**A sign – is a miracle: It confirms, corroborates, and authenticates God and his eternal purpose.**

**A wonder – cultivates a reaction and has an effect on all who hear about it.**

***“They were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.”***  
**Acts 3:10**

For other examples see Acts 5:12 and Romans 15:19

1. Have you ever experienced something you would consider being a “sign and wonder”?

**I. God acts at just the right time**

*One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer—at three in the afternoon. Now a man who was lame from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts. Acts 3:1-2*

For other examples of God's timing see Galatians 4:4, Romans 5:6 and 2 Corinthians 6:2

2. It's very possible Jesus and his disciples had passed by this person before. What might be some reasons that Jesus waited to heal him (using Peter and John no less!) until this particular day?

## **II. Look for "Kairos moments" - a divinely appointed or opportune time—a moment when circumstances align perfectly with God's plan.**

The term "**Kairos**" comes from ancient Greek and contrasts with "**Chronos**," which refers to sequential or measurable time. While **Chronos** is about the ticking of the clock, **Kairos** is about the right, meaningful, or decisive moment

**Mark 1:15** – "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel." (Kairos is used for "time" here, meaning God's appointed moment.)

**Galatians 6:9** – "At the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." (Kairos refers to God's ordained season for reward.)

**Ephesians 5:16** – "Redeeming the time, because the days are evil." (Kairos here means making the most of every God-given opportunity.)

3. A Kairos moment can be a turning point in life—a time when God opens a door, reveals his will, or calls someone to step into something new. Have you ever experienced a moment that felt like divine timing?

*"When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, 'Look at us!' So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them." Acts 3:3-5*

Jesus taught his disciples to engage personally with those they healed, often making eye contact or recognizing their faith before performing miracles. In this act of "looking" and engagement the Holy Spirit gave Peter the green light to act at that moment. For other examples see Isaiah 30:21, Acts 8:29, 14:8-10, and 20:22

4. Have you ever been "compelled by the Spirit" to step out in faith? what happened?

Then Peter said, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk." Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong. He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Acts 3:6-8

5. Talk about a time wanted something from God and he gave you something better.

### **III. Praying in Jesus name is praying as directed or authorized by him out of being in his presence. (It's not a formula)**

Peter told the people: *"You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith ('God's divine persuasion') that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see."* Acts 3:15-16

6. A name conveys a person's character and authority. What does the term "author of life" tell us about Jesus and his power?

### **IV. God... is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us. Ephesians 3:20**

*Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God. When all the people saw him walking and praising God, they recognized him as the same man who used to sit begging at the temple gate called Beautiful, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.* Acts 3:8-10

7. Talk about a time when you felt wonder and amazement at something God did.

### **Praying It Through**

Pray for greater awareness of Kairos moments in our midst, and that you will be ready to respond in faith when you look and hear the voice of the Holy Spirit.

**For reflection in the group or on your own:**

**Read Ephesians 3:16-21**

A. How is the power of God related to being “rooted and established in love”?

B. What does it mean to you to be “filled to the measure of all the fullness of God”?

**Next week, we will continue “Uncharted Territory” covering Acts 4:1-12. There will be discussion questions available at [www.sequimcommunitychurch.org/downloads](http://www.sequimcommunitychurch.org/downloads)**