



## Week 5/ Acts 3:1-16 | New Authority



### JESUS the name above all other names

Sometimes I get really annoyed when people “name drop”. Do you know what I’m talking about? Someone has some supposed connection with a celebrity, political figure or whatever, and it just conveniently comes up in conversation. Typically, it is disconnected from the point of what you’re talking about in the first place.

It’s sad that people feel the need to uphold their sense of self in that regard. If you’re a Christian, there’s only one name that you need to be dropping, and that is the name which is above all other names.

The name of Jesus not only settles your reputation as a child of God graced with His love and mercy. It also establishes the spiritual authority that you live under and operate through. We are in a spiritual war and needless to say, no demonic force will be trembling at the power of **your** name. It’s the power of the name of Jesus. We need to learn to exercise the authority that He has granted to us through His mighty name.

Leaders: Take your group through each section: Pray, Reflect, and Reach. Keep in mind the time allowances. In the Reflect section, feel free to focus on several of these questions instead of all as time allows.



### WATCH

Play the video prepared for this lesson by Pastor Derek. Video sessions are available for download at [www.cclasvegas.org/GROUPS](http://www.cclasvegas.org/GROUPS)



### PRAY (10 min)

As a Home Group, take a moment and discuss how the power of the name of Jesus has impacted your life in concrete ways.

## new acts

This is a new section in the curriculum that will ask you to discuss the REACH portion from the previous week and share how you applied the teaching to your life. Last you were ask to identify 2 changes that you are going to implement in your Christian lifestyle. Expect God to do something special in your life and in your group as you align yourself to His will.

**How did God bless you as you chose to follow Him.**

(10 min)



## REFLECT (25 min)

As you've had the opportunity to reflect on what God has spoken to you through the lesson this week, consider these questions as a group and discuss them together.

1. The lame man that was ultimately healed thought he knew what his real need was, a little money to survive.

**What he received was much more than he expected. Have you limited the work of God in your life by minimizing what your real need is? Make a list.**

\*For example, we can be so focused on just getting through another day of life that we aren't pleading with God to change areas of sin and complacency or save the soul of a lost friend.

***"What you think you need and what you really need sometimes are two different things."***

2. Pastor Derek defined the word authority. In practical terms, how are we supposed to operate as kingdom advancers through the authority of Jesus' name?

***Authority: exousia the right given to exercise specific actions prescribed by Jesus Christ in His name.***

***"And when He had called His twelve disciples to Him, He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease."***

Matthew 10:1

3. It was the power of Jesus' name that healed the man, but Peter adds that it was also faith in His name. In other words, the man would have never been healed if he hadn't sincerely extended his faith in the name of Jesus.

**What areas has God been leading you to extend your faith in His name to receive a particular promise in the Bible, to fulfill the Great Commission, or to take some other Kingdom step? Make a list and dedicate yourself to taking steps of faith.**

4. Peter knew this man's healing was intended to create an opportunity for gospel preaching. The results of this single message were extraordinary. This is the theme throughout Acts, that gospel proclamation advances the Kingdom.

**In this coming week, how can you be intentional about sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ? And looking for the opportunities that God is creating.**

***"This man would not have been healed if it had not been for his own faith."***

C.H. Spurgeon



## REACH

Considering what God revealed to you this week, prayerfully prepare yourself to share the gospel of Jesus Christ. There may be people or situations that God lays on your heart. It also may just be a spontaneous opportunity created by God.

**Expect the opportunity to come and operate in the authority of Jesus's name.**

**Next week we will be anxiously waiting to hear how God opened doors for you to share the gospel, and how you by faith walked through them.**