THE CHURCH UNLEASHED

Life Group Discussion Guide

WEEK 2	A COURAGEOUS CHURCH
KEY SCRIPTURES Acts 3	**MAIN IDEA** Christian faith is anchored in the reality of Jesus' resurrection—He is the living Messiah who invites us to repentance, transformation, and a life empowered by His grace.

30-MINUTE GUIDE · Use the questions as a guide, not a script. Prioritize honest conversation and the next step God may be inviting each person to take.

1. START HERE — CONNECT

- When you think about something you've really wanted to change in your life, what comes to mind? It could be big or small—anything from a personal habit to a major circumstance.
    - How do you usually go about trying to make that change happen?

2. DIG IN — UNDERSTAND

- Read Acts 3:1–10. What details stand out to you about the man at the temple gate, Peter and John's response, and what happens next?
    - Why is it significant that Peter says, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you…"?
- Read Acts 3:11–19. How does Peter shift the focus from the miracle to Jesus Himself? What is he telling the crowd about who Jesus is?
- Faith isn't anchored simply in Jesus as a good teacher, but in Him as the risen Messiah with authority over our lives. How is Peter's message in Acts 3 shaped by the resurrection?

3. GO DEEPER — REFLECT

- The man asked for money, but received healing—a need he may not have imagined could really change. Where in your life are you tempted to settle for what you *want* from God, rather than what you *truly need* from Him?
- Peter calls the crowd to "repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord" (v. 19).
    - What comes to mind when you hear the word "repentance"?
    - Can you think of an area where you might need to turn, or re-orient, toward God—perhaps even in something you didn't realize needed to change?
- The sermon said, "You don't have to clean up your life to come to Jesus, but you can't follow Jesus and remain the same." What does that look like in the rhythms, relationships, or priorities of everyday adult life?

4. RESPOND — APPLY

- Jesus gave the lame man a new start, and Peter challenged the crowd to respond with repentance. What might it look like for you, this week, to surrender an area you've been holding back from God or to take a step toward living more fully under Jesus' authority?
- In what ways can we, as a group or church, help each other move from simply "getting by" or seeking blessings, to truly expecting Jesus to transform us from the inside out?

MY NEXT STEP

What is one specific, practical step you sense God inviting you to take in response to this week's message? (It could relate to repentance, gratitude, inviting Jesus into a stuck area of your life, or something else.)

5. PRAY TOGETHER

- Thank Jesus for His power to change lives, for the grace that "wipes out" every sin, and for the courage to respond with honest repentance and faith.