

### What was the result?

1. He immediately entered the \_\_\_\_\_ . (vs. 8)
2. His body was \_\_\_\_\_ .
3. He was on \_\_\_\_\_ terms with others.
4. He was able to work and \_\_\_\_\_ rather than depend on others financially.



### Questions for Personal Reflection

1. Looking at poverty this way, in what ways (Spiritual, personal, social, financial) have you experienced poverty in the past?
2. In what way(s) are you currently experiencing it?
3. How does viewing outreach and evangelism as one thing—seeking Shalom—change how you interact with the poor? How does it change how you interact with those outside the church? Inside the church?
4. Why is it so important that our first message to people is that they are God’s masterpiece?
5. Who in your life most needs to hear that message right now?

### Seeing the Issues Clearly

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#### Review:

- Each person you see is made in the image of God, given him or her unsurpassable, inherent worth and dignity.
- We often have a hard time seeing it because we are all covered with the mud of sin, hurt and circumstances.
- The first step to a transforming church culture is to learn to see people as Jesus did.
- It starts with seeing ourselves clearly—that we are covered in mud that Jesus wants to clear up to reveal the masterpiece.

There is always more happening than meets the \_\_\_\_\_.

Churches often have two categories for what we do outside the church.

- \_\_\_\_\_: Serving the poor and working for justice.
- \_\_\_\_\_: Sharing the good news of Jesus so people can be reconciled to God.

### How we bring them together:

The opposite of poverty is not wealth, it's...

...\_\_\_\_\_: When a person's relationship with God self, others, and the world is right.

The mission of the church is to facilitate right relationships in each of these areas.

Poverty is not just \_\_\_\_\_, it's:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (relationship with God)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ (physical and emotional health, self-perception and dignity)
3. \_\_\_\_\_, (relationship with family, friends, and society as a whole)
4. and financial. (relationship with the systems of society)

### Scripture: Acts 3:1-10

- People believed his condition was the result of \_\_\_\_\_.
- Others wouldn't make \_\_\_\_\_.
- He was not allowed to \_\_\_\_\_ in the Temple.

What would it have been like to be this man?

**Spiritual:** He was unclean and wasn't allowed in the Temple, so he might have seen himself as \_\_\_\_\_ by God.

**Personal:** Self-esteem and \_\_\_\_\_ non-existent.

**Social:** He was an \_\_\_\_\_ who repulsed people.

**Financial:** He couldn't \_\_\_\_\_ or be seen as a productive member of society.

Each area impacts the others.

- Our finances impact our relationship with God (and vice versa)
- We run from community when we feel unworthy of community.

“Understanding the Gospel transforms every area of life.”

How did Peter and John respond?

1. “They \_\_\_\_\_ straight at him.” (vs. 4)
2. Peter says, “\_\_\_\_\_ at us.” (vs. 4)
3. They believed God has the power to \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Peter took the man's \_\_\_\_\_. (touched an unclean person)