

# SHARING YOUR FAITH

How do you share your faith? What is witnessing? Witnessing is one beggar telling another beggar where to find food.

## **PETER HEALS THE CRIPPLED BEGGAR**

*Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer. A man crippled from birth was being carried to the temple gate, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts. 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. Then Peter said, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I 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. 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 and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him. Peter said to them: "Why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? The God of Abraham, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. 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 that comes through him that has given this complete healing to him, as you can all see." Acts 3:1-16*

2. How do you feel when you see someone begging on the street?  
 embarrassed                       I have really mixed feelings.                       compassionate  
 I have really mixed feelings.                       disgusted
3. If you were Peter, what would you have done when the beggar asked you for money?  
 the same thing Peter did                       quickly walked by                       asked John for a dime
4. When you have reached out to Jesus in the past, what motivated you to do so?  
 fear-of the judgment day                       guilt-my conscience                       heritage-the faith of my family  
 despair-I was burned out.                       logic-I was convinced.                       other:
5. Peter and John shared what they had with this beggar.  
What do you have that you can share with others?  
 maybe my lunch-that's about it                       my ability to listen to their problems  
 my empathy with people who are hurting                       my knowledge of the Bible  
 my faith in God and how it has helped me                       my smiles and hugs                       other:
6. Who do you admire, particularly in your school or workplace, for the way they share their faith?
7. If someone asked you, "Why do you go to church?" how would you answer?
8. What have you found to be the best way for you to share your faith?                       just being a friend  
 giving the facts of the Gospel                       telling my own story of how I met Jesus  
 living my life as a good example                       inviting a person to go to church or another event                       other:
9. What is your favorite excuse for *not* sharing the Good News of Christ?  
 claiming I don't know enough                       saying I don't have time                       just ignoring it  
 being too concerned with my own life                       thinking others can do it                       other:
10. Who is someone that you would like to share the Good News of Christ with?
11. What area of your life is "crippled" and in need of Christ's healing?