



The Third Act

Focus We learn from Acts 3 and from Michael Jr.'s humor that God wants to bring revelation and transformation to our lives.

Fun What is your favorite joke? Tell it to the group.

Review Key Scripture: Acts 3:1–8

Michael Jr. drew a parallel between what causes us to laugh and how God works in our lives. The story of the lame beggar in Acts 3 illustrates this process for us.

- *Expectation.* The lame beggar had an expectation that Peter and John would give him money at the Temple gate. Similarly, when someone tells a joke or entertains us with humor, we have an expectation of what they might say.
- *Alteration.* Peter provided an alternative to the lame beggar when he offered healing instead of money. A comedian makes us laugh when he says something different than what we expected.
- *Revelation.* When Peter helped the beggar stand up, the lame man had a revelation that he could walk. We laugh at jokes because they reveal something about life or human nature.
- *Transformation.* God goes beyond expectation, alteration and revelation to bring transformation in our lives. The beggar in Acts 3 didn't just walk and leap; he began praising God. He was transformed when he entered into relationship with God.

Group Dynamics Idea Plan to have everyone come to group an hour early one week to share a potluck meal, or ask someone to host a football party. Eating and hanging out together fosters friendship.

- Discuss**
1. Which part of Michael Jr.'s comedy made you laugh the hardest?
 2. As we conclude the sermon series, *The Show*, did any of your family or friends come to know Christ? Tell the story to the group.
 3. Read the story of the lame beggar in Acts 3. Have you ever prayed for someone and watched God heal them? Was it an immediate healing or a process? How was their life transformed?
 4. Michael Jr. used the analogy that we are like a house, and Jesus wants to enter our house. Sometimes we want to keep Jesus in our "good room"—the part of our life that we try to keep clean and everyone can see. What types of "messes" in our house do we try to hide from God? Why do we do this?
 5. A revelation from God is simply when He shows or teaches us something. What has God been teaching you about Himself? About your work? Your relationships? About yourself?

- Take Home**
- As we conclude, remember the following:
- Humor and laughter bring healing. (Proverbs 15:13, Proverbs 17:22)
 - Revelation from God brings healing.
 - Relationship with God transforms us.

- Pray**
- Pray for family members and friends who don't yet know Christ.
Pray for the new believers who got saved at church this past weekend.
Pray for the needs of group members.

New Leader Tip Lead the way in group discussions. As you share stories and struggles and prayer requests from your life, group members will feel safe to talk about their own real life issues.