

# MARINERS CHURCH



## NEEDY PEOPLE June 1-2, 2019

*"Love your neighbor as yourself." -Jesus, Matthew 22:39*

### Learning the difference between relief and restoration.

**Relief:** immediate and temporary help.

**Restoration** is working with people so they can reach their God-given potential.

Peter and John went to the Temple one afternoon to take part in the three o'clock prayer service. As they approached the Temple, a man lame from birth was being carried in. Each day he was put beside the Temple gate, the one called the Beautiful Gate, so he could beg from the people going into the Temple. Peter and John looked at him intently, and Peter said, "Look at us!" So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them. But Peter said, "I don't have any silver or gold for you. But I'll give you what I have. In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, get up and walk!"

Then Peter took the lame man by the right hand and helped him up. And as he did, the man's feet and ankles were instantly healed and strengthened. He jumped up, stood on his feet, and began to walk! Then, walking, leaping, and praising God, he went into the Temple with them. Acts 3:1-8

Restoration takes  
**TIME.**

**TRUTH.**

**LOVE.**



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Three prayers...

**"God, help me give people what they need, not what they want."**

*We urge you, admonish the unruly, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with everyone. 1 Thessalonians 5:14*

**God, help me stay our Your way by not rescuing people from the consequences of their actions.**

*Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Galatians 6:7*

*Even while we were with you, we gave you this command: "Those unwilling to work will not get to eat." 2 Thess. 3:10*

**"God, help me remember I am also 'THAT GUY'"**

*But as for me, I am poor and needy; please hurry to my aid, O God. You are my helper and my savior; O LORD, do not delay. Psalm 70:5*

**Talk it Over and Live it Out! Questions for LifeGroups and time with your accountability partner...**

What are some characteristics of "needy people"?

What's the challenge in helping people who are needy? How do you maintain balance?

Read Acts 3:1-8. How did Peter and John deal with this needy person?

Why is the principle of 'sowing' and 'reaping' so tough for us?

Which of the three prayers (above) is the hardest for you to pray? Why?