

## INTRODUCTION

The reflections during the *Building Bridges of Hope* series aim to capture the big ideas of the weekly sermon. The sermon series will focus on CG Midtown's core values through the lens of the book of Acts. The values express the unique gifts and calling of our congregation and they serve as guiding principles in how we carry out our mission and vision. They also ground us in our identity as a church and describe the way the Holy Spirit has formed us over the years. Just like the early church in the book of Acts, we want to be faithful to the call God has given us so we can offer hope to the world around us.

## CG MIDTOWN VALUE: SPIRIT-LED

*We trust in the presence and activity of the Holy Spirit in and among us. We listen for God's will and discern together how to participate in what God is doing in this world. We respond in faith when prompted to do so by the Holy Spirit.*

## SERMON REFLECTION

**Read:** Acts 3:1-10

**Overview:** In Acts 1, Jesus told his friends that he was leaving, but to not worry because he was sending the Holy Spirit (Acts 2). Jesus trusted that the Spirit would lead the disciples and continue his ministry. Jesus trusted that they would be able to hear the Spirit's voice—a voice that would remind them of His teachings and a voice to guide them in what to do and when to do it. Jesus trusted His friends to hear the Spirit... and they did! *This is true of us as well.* Jesus trusts that we can be led by the Spirit.

### **Reflect:**

- Describe a time when you sensed a leading from the Holy Spirit? How did you know it was the Spirit? What happened when you followed the nudge?
- What parts of the story in Acts 3:1-10 stood out to you?
- What spiritual practices help you stay sensitive to the Spirit?
- How does the structure of your life draw you near or away from God? What's your understanding of a "rule of life?"
- Why was the healing in Acts 3 more than just a physical healing for the man? How does that change your view of the miracle of healing?
- Where do you need to take a risk in your faith? What prevents you from taking that step? Where does our small group or Common Ground Midtown need to take a risk?

## PRAYER

- Invite people to pray for greater awareness of the Spirit's promptings and the faith to act on His leadings.