



DISCUSSION GUIDE

Wk 21: From Death To Life

SERIES OVERVIEW

The book of Acts tells the story of the gospel advancing from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth. As we walk through this missional narrative together, our prayer is that God would breathe fresh wind into our sails—motivating and inspiring us to join Him in the work He's still doing today.

To review up to Acts 9, watch 0:00- 7:10.

[Book of Acts Video Overview](#)

CONTEXT: Acts 9:32-43

In Acts 9:32-43, Peter travels to Lydda and Joppa, performing miracles that lead many to believe in the Lord. He heals Aeneas, a paralyzed man, and raises Tabitha (Dorcas) from the dead, demonstrating the power of God and strengthening the faith of the early church.

THE BIG IDEA

Jesus displays His power over sickness and death through His church so that people would see, believe, and turn to Him as the source of true life.

ICE BREAKER

Married Groups-discuss going to a Connected Marriage Workshop as a group and get signed up. Couples have loved The Connected Marriage Workshops! Super fun and meaningful.

*Share the most miraculous healing you have ever heard about or witnessed.

SCRIPTURE: Acts 9:32-43

32 Now as Peter went here and there among them all, he came down also to the saints who lived at Lydda. 33 There he found a man named Aeneas, bedridden for eight years, who was paralyzed. 34 And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise & make your bed." And immediately he rose. 35 And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord.

36 Now there was in Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which, translated, means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity. 37 In those days she became ill and died, and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. 38 Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him, urging him, "Please come to us without delay." 39 So Peter rose and went with them. And when he arrived, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping and showing tunics and other garments that Dorcas made while she was with them. 40 But Peter put them all outside, and knelt down and prayed; and turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, arise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. 41 And he gave her his hand and raised her up. Then, calling the saints and widows, he presented her alive. 42 And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. 43 And he stayed in Joppa for many days with one Simon, a tanner.

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GROUP DISCUSSION

(Refer to **Week 21** of your ACTS Journal.)

Read Acts 9:32-43 as a group.

What does this passage teach us about God?

Jesus heals people **miraculously, medically,** and through **mortality**. Discuss these 3 ways Jesus heals. Take a moment and think about times when you were healed emotionally, physically, mentally or spiritually in any or all of the ways above. Have each person share at least one with the group along with how it affected your faith & the faith of others?

In verses 32-34 Aeneas' healing wasn't just physical, it was social and spiritual as well. Have you ever felt ostracised because of a disease, addiction, or disability? Who are the people or groups in need of social & spiritual healing today because they are seen as out-cast by the world or even the church?

According to verses 36-39 and Pastor James, what made Tabitha's life worthy to emulate and a life well lived in the sight of God and people? What's the one thing you want your family/friends to truthfully say about you at your funeral that impacted their lives?

What does it look like for us to grieve and grieve with hope at the same time? Share a time when you experienced the difference between grieving and grieving with hope.

Why is our posture in prayer important and what does it reveal to God? (vs. 40)

Like all true miracles, what was the point of God raising Tabitha from death to life? (vs 42)

Discussion continued:

What is one thing that stood out to you from the sermon and why do you think God wants you to remember this truth?

PRAYER (In gender based groups)

*Share praises, answered prayers, and prayer requests. Thank God for the miracle of your salvation and Him bringing you from death to life. Share with your group how you need Jesus to heal you or someone you love, then pray for each other. (This could be physical, emotional, mental or spiritual.)



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Oct. 23/24 | Nov. 6/7