

Acts 9:32-43
Community Group Questions

1. Read Acts 9:32-43. What insights or encouragement did you gain from this week's passage and message?
2. Why is it so important for us to remember that the main character in the Book of Acts is not Peter or Paul, but Jesus? Read 1 Corinthians 1:10-17. Why do you think it's such a common temptation for Christians to rally around this teacher or that teacher, and what are the dangers of doing so?
3. Christianity has had a transformative effect wherever it has spread. Pastor Lee shared this summary quote about that: "The extraordinary impact of Christianity is seen in the fact that you don't notice it. You already hold particularly "Christian-ish" views, and the fact that you think of these values as natural, obvious or universal shows how profoundly the Christian revolution has shaped you." (Glen Scrivener) What are some of the areas where you can see the influence of the Christian faith?
4. The emphasis in both of these stories seems to fall on the response of those who witnessed the healing or results of the healing more than on the miracles themselves (see verses 35 and 42). What does that teach us about the nature and purpose of miracles?
5. There are several examples of people being raised from the dead in the New Testament (see Mark 5:35-42; John 11:17-44). Unlike Jesus' resurrection, these "resurrections" were temporary since the individuals would eventually die again. What do you think we are supposed to learn from these accounts?
6. Acts chapter 9 shows us the transforming power of Jesus. We see that evidenced in the conversion of Saul (vv.21-22), the healing of Aeneas, the raising of Tabitha, and the transformation of entire regions. What are some of the areas of transformation you would like to see? In your own life? In our society at large?
7. Spend some time praying for those specific things you would like to see transformed