

## **SG Study Guide- After the Potluck 11 (Acts 9:32-43)**

### **1. Story One- Aeneas: Turning to the Lord. (9:32-35)**

- Imagine being bedridden for 8 years? How would you view life? Imagine being healed? Do you have a story of deliverance from God, if so share with the group.
- What did Peter say to heal Aeneas? What can we learn about this model?
- How did Aeneas respond to Peter's command? What does this teach us about how God heals?
- What was greater, the healing of Aeneas or all the residents turning to the Lord? Why? Discuss as a group.

### **2. Story Two- Tabitha: Many believed in the Lord. (9:36-42)**

- Who was Tabitha? What do we know about her character and her ministry?
- The disciples sought out Peter to do a miracle. When is the last time we not only prayed for a miracle but also actively pursued a miracle? What might that look like in our lives today?
- Why do you think Peter made everyone leave the room before he prayed over Tabitha?
- How do we balance bringing glory to God without notoriety to ourselves? How might we do the works of the gospel and celebrate our victories without "alerting the press"?

### **3. Story Three- Peter: Learning to replace religion with relationship. (9:43; Galatians 2:11-14)**

- Why was it significant that Peter stayed with Simon, a tanner? (Leviticus 11:40)
- What must it have been like for early followers wrestling down their understanding of the Old Testament with the message of Jesus Christ?
- What does Peter's life teach us about the process and/or progress of sanctification?
- How can we know that we have relationship with God through His Son? How can we make sure we don't replace our relationship with religion?