

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?