

Acts 9:19-43 Life group questions

Acts 9:19-43 shows Saul's transformed life in Damascus and Jerusalem and then shifts to Peter's healing of Aeneas and raising of Tabitha, highlighting Jesus' power working through ordinary disciples.

Saul's changed life (vv. 19-31)

- In what ways do you see Saul's transformation show up in his actions and relationships in these verses?
- How do the believers' initial fear and Barnabas' advocacy for Saul mirror tensions and encouragement needs in churches today?
- Where do you see "evidence of true conversion" in Saul here, and how have you seen similar evidence (or lack of it) in your own life?

Cost and protection (vv. 23-31)

- What does Saul's experience with plots against his life teach about the cost of following Jesus?
- How do the disciples help protect and support Saul, and what might this look like in our church context?
- Verse 31 describes the church being built up, living in the fear of the Lord, and increasing in numbers; which of these do you see most and least at MEFC?

Peter's ministry to Aeneas (vv. 32-35)

- What do you notice about Peter's words and focus when he heals Aeneas in Lydda? Vs. 34
- How does this healing point people not just to relief from suffering but to Jesus himself?

Tabitha's life and legacy (vv. 36-43)

- How is Tabitha (Dorcas) described, and what does this reveal about what God values in a disciple's everyday life?
- Imagine your community losing someone like Tabitha; what do the widows' grief and their display of her garments teach about quiet, faithful service?
- The miracle in Joppa leads many to believe in the Lord; what would it look like for acts of service and answered prayer in your group to point people to faith in Jesus?

Personal application

- Where do you most identify in this passage: with Saul the new believer, the cautious disciples, Barnabas the encourager, Peter the bold servant, or Tabitha the faithful helper? Why?