

## 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?