



### **Bridge Church Home Groups Questions**

Series: Unstoppable Part 2 – A Study in Acts

Message: Like a scarecrow in a Cucumber Field

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Read Acts 9:32-43 then use the following questions to kick-start your discussion:

1. In verse 33, we meet Aeneas, who had been paralyzed for eight years. While most of us aren't physically paralyzed, we often experience "paralysis" in our spirits, habits, or hope.
  - a. What is an area of your life—perhaps a relationship, a goal, or a mindset—where you have felt "stuck" or unable to move forward?
  - b. What was that like or is that like for you?
2. When Peter speaks to Aeneas in verse 34, he doesn't say "*I* heal you," but "*Jesus Christ* heals you."
  - a. When you feel "numb on the inside" or like a shadow of who you used to be or could be, how does shifting the focus from your own willpower/the world/other people to the power of Jesus change your perspective on the possibility of recovery?
3. Tabitha was a woman defined by her vitality and ministry—constantly "doing good and helping the poor"—yet she ended up "dead and washed" in an upstairs room (v. 37).
  - a. When we face seasons where our optimism, our callings, or our sense of purpose feel "dead in the water," how does Peter's command to "get up" challenge the idea that our current state of exhaustion or deadness is permanent?
  - b. How have you seen Jesus "raise the dead" in others or in you?
4. After the miracles, Aeneas rolls up his mat (signifying leaving the past behind and a new start) and Tabitha is presented back to her community to continue her ministry.
  - a. When Jesus restores a "paralyzed" area of our lives, why is it important that we immediately move into action or service?
    - i. What happens if we don't?
  - b. Who in your life, or what ministry, is waiting for you to be "presented" back to them in full life and service?