

Discussion Questions
April 27, 2026 | Acts 9:31-43
From Watching to Joining

UPWARDS – Growing in Our Relationship with God

1. Acts 9:31 describes the church as ‘living in the fear of the Lord and encouraged by the Holy Spirit.’ How do these qualities create an environment where Jesus can work through His people?
2. Peter witnessed Jesus heal a paralyzed man by saying “I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home” (Luke 5:24). In Acts 9:34, Peter says, “Jesus Christ heals you.” How does Peter’s statement show that in Acts Jesus is continuing to do His work through the disciples, rather than Peter acting in his own power or ability?
3. How does Acts 9:34 help us understand that Jesus is still at work today through His church, and that we are invited to join Him in fulfilling His mission?

INWARDS – Growing in Fellowship with One Another

4. Aeneas was paralyzed for eight years before being healed (Acts 9:33-34). How does this story remind us that even in prolonged seasons of suffering there is hope?
5. In Acts 9:40, Peter prays before performing the miracle of raising Tabitha. What does this moment reveal about the importance of prayer to the disciples, and how does it show dependence on God’s power rather than their own?
6. Peter witnessed Jesus raise Jairus’ daughter by saying, “Little girl, I say to you, get up!” (Mark 5:41). When Peter raises Tabitha, he says, “Tabitha, get up” (Acts 9:40). How does this show that Peter isn’t just copying Jesus, but that Jesus is still at work?

OUTWARDS – Reaching Those Around Us

7. The Jesus we see in the Gospels is the same Jesus working through Peter in Acts, and He is still at work today through His disciples. How does this encourage you to join Him in His work of drawing those close to you, whether in your family, work, school, or neighborhood, toward Him?
8. God’s work at Joppa resulted in “many believed in the Lord” (v. 42). How does this encourage you to join Him in His redemptive work as His witnesses, knowing that Jesus is still alive and working in and through us?
9. As God is drawing people to Himself, how can we join Him by taking steps of faith, such as through prayer, conversation, or invitation?”