

GROWTH GUIDE

For you. Your family. Your group.

UNSTOPPABLE: THE ACTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
SIGNS OF THE KINGDOM | ACTS 9:32-43
FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 20, 2022

SERMON OUTLINE

1. Recognize: Our condition is hopeless and in need of help. Acts 9:32-33, 36-38
2. Rely: Our trust in the power of Christ alone. Acts 9:34a, 39-40a
3. Respond: Our response to Christ's work results in change. Acts 9:34, 40-41
4. Recount: Our story points others to the power of God. Acts 9:35, 41-43

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Looking back at the passage and your notes, is there anything you heard for the first time or something that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. Summarize what happened to Aeneas and Tabitha in Acts 9. What do these two miracles teach us about God's character and His greatness?
3. Share some other verses about the greatness of God. How does knowing the greatness of God more and more help us? In other words, why does it matter?
4. The other believers trusted in Christ's power when they sent for Peter in verse 38. While we know we *should* trust God, frequently we trust in the power of other things. What or who else's power do you sometimes trust in over Christ's? In those moment when we trust in something else, what can we do to reorient us to trust Christ instead?
5. How do we grow more like Christ? What role do we play in our sanctification? What role does God have in our sanctification? How does our effort and responsibility fit with God's grace?

BREAKOUT DISCUSSION

1. Our stories point to the power of God. Briefly share a part of your story that shows the power of God. You could use the format Dave mentioned to share: I was... but God... and now...
2. Is there any way like Aeneas that you feel stuck? If so, share that with the group so that they can encourage and pray for you as you wait on the Lord. If not, how can you encourage a brother or sister in Christ who does feel stuck or hopeless?

PRAYER POINTS

1. Praise God for helping us out of places where we feel stuck, and changing our heart to be more like Christ.
2. Pray that our church would have such an impact on our community that they would weep if we were gone like Tabitha.
3. Ask God to help you trust in the power of Christ alone.