



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Week of April 13, 2025

Acts 9:32-42

32 Now as Peter went here and there among them all, he came down also to the saints who lived at Lydda. 33 There he found a man named Aeneas, bedridden for eight years, who was paralyzed. 34 And Peter said to him, “Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed.” And immediately he rose. 35 And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord. 36 Now there was in Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which, translated, means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity. 37 In those days she became ill and died, and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. 38 Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him, urging him, “Please come to us without delay.” 39 So Peter rose and went with them. And when he arrived, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping and showing tunics and other garments that Dorcas made while she was with them. 40 But Peter put them all outside, and knelt down and prayed; and turning to the body he said, “Tabitha, arise.” And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. 41 And he gave her his hand and raised her up. Then, calling the saints and widows, he presented her alive. 42 And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. 43 And he stayed in Joppa for many days with one Simon, a tanner.

1. What does it take for a person to be saved? Is it difficult to be saved? Why or why not? Do you think it takes a miracle to be saved?
2. In the Bible the Greek word “hagios” - translated as “saint” in English - means holy, or set apart for God. Think about the Christians you know, and think about yourself in particular. Would you describe Christians as ‘holy’? Why or why not. What makes a person ‘holy’?
3. Does God still do miraculous healings today? If so, why are there so many sick, crippled, suffering and dying people in this world? What do you think is the ultimate purpose for God’s divine miracles?
4. Knowing the kind of person you are, what do you think would happen to you if you suddenly had the power to heal and raise the dead back to life? Why is it so important for Christians to understand that their power source is found only in God?

5. Do you think you pray enough? Why or why not? What does your prayer life reveal about you?
6. Why is humility before God and before man, so important if the gospel is to be spread to the ends of the earth?