



Sermon  
Discussion  
Guide

Sunday, November 24, 2024

# ACTS – The Church on Mission

## Church in the World

### Read/Reflect

1. Read Acts 9:32-43. Given the stature of the apostle Paul in the rest of the book of Acts, why does Luke not continue with the story of Saul/Paul (which is what he started in Acts 9:1-31)?
2. Compare Luke 5:20-26 with Acts 9:32-35 and compare Luke 8:49-56 with Acts 9:36-43. Notice the similarities and the differences. What might Luke be doing in featuring these parallel stories?

### Explore

3. What is the purpose of healings and miracles in the life of the church? For instance, why did Stephen die (Acts 8:1) but Tabitha lived (Acts 9:41)?
4. In what ways do you, or can you, imitate how Jesus moved around in the world? As a disciple, do you see yourself as one who practices the life of Jesus in your daily actions and routines?
5. What is your expectation for how the church should be present in the world?
  - It should demonstrate the coming of God's kingdom.
  - It should be impressive enough to impress unbelievers.
  - It should influence the surrounding society, culture, and government.
  - It has a spiritual impact on individuals in society.
6. What is your expectation of how you should live your life as a Christian in the world?
  - I need to help build the kingdom of God.
  - I show off signs of God at work.
  - I can support movements that change the world for Christ.
  - I can grow in my personal relationship with Jesus.

### Pray

- Pray that God would give you the faith and the humility to always see him at work in and through you and in and through your church, even in the smallest ways.
- Praise God that he has revealed himself in Jesus Christ, and that by the name of Jesus we can show off God's work in the world.