

## STUDY GUIDE

Acts 9:32-43

“Faith in the Power of God to Save”

- 1) The mission statement of Arrowsmith Baptist Church is “We seek to passionately proclaim the glory of God in Christ for the joy of all people.” What words in this statement are significant to you? Why?
- 2) Why did Luke include the two miracle stories in Acts 9:32-43? Have you ever seen a miracle or heard of a miracle being done? What was your response? What was the response of others?
- 3) The two miracles revealed that *sickness and death are pictures of the spiritual condition of lost people*. What is our spiritual condition without Jesus Christ? What is our spiritual with Jesus Christ?
- 4) The miracles also revealed that *Jesus uses born-again disciples like us to bring His divine healing to spiritually sick and dying people*. In what ways can we be instruments of the mighty power of God to bring healing and salvation to those who are spiritually sick and dying?
- 5) The healing of Aeneas is reflective of the paralytic man brought to Jesus in Matthew 9:1-8 and the raising of Tabitha from the dead is reflective of the raising of Jairus’ daughter in Mark 5:21-24;35-43. Look up both of these and discuss the similarities and differences with the miracles in Acts 9:32-43.
- 6) Peter was able to imitate Jesus because he had been with Jesus when He performed these other miracles. In what ways can we imitate Jesus because we have spent time with him in His Word and prayer?
- 7) It was noteworthy Peter set aside any human prejudices he might have had in order to be an instrument of healing and salvation. What prejudices could we have that would be a hindrance to God’s using us?
- 8) Discuss the meaning and implications (personally and for the church) of the following quote:

“The mighty power of our most Sovereign God that causes the lost to turn to a saving faith in Jesus Christ, should encourage us to proclaim the gospel – in knowing that *human inability and death are no hindrance to the mighty power of our most Sovereign God.*”