



Read Verses 9:26 One of the hardest parts of life is when we are not believed... or when our past hinders us from being accepted... Saul's reputation of killing, hurting and running down Christians went before him, and he was not accepted by the disciples in Jerusalem.

Describe a time in your life when people did not believe in you. Have you ever had people fear you?

What would you say your reputation is among your friends, colleagues, family? Do people know you are a Christian? Do they support you?

Acts 9:27 "But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles... Have you ever had a friend stand up for you? Believe in you? Go to bat for you? Describe the circumstances....

Barnabas knew Saul's story and about his conversion. In thinking of your own walk with the Lord, who do you have in your life that knows your story and would stand up for you? What people know that you are a believer and encourage you?

Acts 9:31 So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace and was being built up... And walking in the fear of the Lord and the comfort of the Holy Spirit... What does it mean to walk in the fear of the Lord? Proverbs 1:7, Proverbs 19:23, Proverbs 14:27, Psalm 19:9, Psalm 145:19

Read Acts 9: 32-35 It's interesting that Peter "went" and then he "found" Aeneas. Who healed Aeneas? Peter? Jesus? What was the result of this healing in the church?

In Verses 36-43 Saul heals Tabitha. What are the differences between the healing of Aeneas and Tabitha? What are the similarities? What happens to the church after each healing? From these two events, what do you think the purpose of miracles and healing is?

Wrestle with this question: If you were Tabitha, would you have rather been in heaven with the Lord or back here on earth serving him?