

11 THE GOSPEL HEALS

KEY TEXT: ACTS 9:32-43

CENTRAL truth

While Peter was visiting the city of Lydda, Peter performed two miraculous healings. Through his actions, we will see that the gospel is good news for us spiritually and physically. Upon faith in Jesus, we are pardoned of our sin, declared righteous, and adopted into His family. The gospel also ensures that we—along with our world—will experience physical restoration.

key question

What did the apostles' miracles teach people about Jesus?

The apostles didn't perform miracles simply to be nice. Rather, their miracles supported the validity of their message. Jesus is the reigning King and the miracles of the apostles pointed to His supreme power and authority.

keep in mind

- In this week's teaching, we see the physical healings of both Aeneas and Tabitha. While the Lord may bring healing to us in this life, it also may not come until Jesus returns. Remind students to bring their needs and the needs of loved ones to the Lord while trusting that He will bring healing in His time, whether in this life or eternity.
- The resurrection of Tabitha points to the resurrection life that all believers will experience when Jesus returns. In fact, because Jesus has risen, we are guaranteed resurrection life through faith in Him. It's easy to become consumed with the things of this world and lose sight of this beautiful promised future that awaits us. Encourage students with the hope of resurrection that is embedded in the gospel.

application

What are some tangible needs our groups can meet within our church and our communities?

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FOR THE STUDENT: God is not blind to our spiritual or physical needs. Help students understand that the gospel is His ultimate response.

FOR THE LEADER: Challenge students to embody the good news in their spheres of influence. Through meeting the physical needs of others, we can reveal the hope of the gospel to them. Leaders can help students brainstorm ways that they can do this with the resources, skills, and gifts they have.

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