



## EXPLORE THE BIBLE.

Session 11: Healing

Suggested Week of Use: August 11, 2024

Core Passage: Acts 9:32-43

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### News Story Summary

Earlier this summer, Taurin Knight was driving on a major parkway in Oklahoma City when he saw something unusual: a car in a ditch engulfed in flames. He slowed down and heard ladies on the road pleading for help. Two people were still in the car and needed help immediately. Knight jumped into action and ran down to the vehicle to find the occupants. A police officer arrived on the scene and pried the door open so Knight could pull the victims free. He left before the police could talk with him, so they took to social media to identify and thank the good Samaritan. Later, when interviewed by the media, Knight said he was just doing what was right in the moment. He summed up the experience by saying, “It’s just God . . . I was doing what He put me to do.”

For more about this story, search “Taurin Knight pulls Oklahoma City couple from car fire”

### Engage

To supplement the Engage activities, group adults into teams as they arrive. Direct the teams to use their phones to look up stories involving good Samaritans—that is, someone who helps others in need. (They can search “good Samaritans news” and find several stories.) Instruct teams to determine three of their favorite accounts. After several moments, allow teams to briefly share their Samaritan stories.

Tell the story of Taurin Knight, who pulled two people from a burning car in Oklahoma City. (You might find a video news clip of the event to show the class.) Read his comment about the event. Note his statement that he was doing what God put him on earth to do. Share that this session examines one apostle who allowed God to use him in whatever way He wanted. Encourage adults to consider how God wants to use them as they study this passage.

### Challenge

To supplement the Challenge activities, recall the story of Taurin Knight. Say: *Most of us will never face a situation like that. However, we do see plenty of opportunities when God can use us to help others and reflect Christ’s heart for people.* Group adults into the same teams as earlier. Direct them to list specific ways believers (and your church) could be instruments of hope, love, and support in your church and in your community. After several minutes, allow teams to share their ideas. Discuss the possibility of completing one of these ministry opportunities as a group. Close in prayer, asking God to use adults as His hands and feet in the days and weeks to come.