

• LESSON 12 (September 25) •

Acts 9:23-43 • Preaching Boldly in the Name of Jesus

1. “When many days had passed, the Jews plotted to kill [Saul]” (9:23). Why would these Jews go to such extreme lengths in their opposition against Saul?
2. Why would Saul have found it beneficial to “join the disciples” in Jerusalem (9:26)?
3. We find Barnabas mentioned by Luke again in Acts 9:27. Think back. Where did we last hear of Barnabas? What do we learn about Barnabas from this second account of his actions?
4. What does it mean to “preach boldly in the name of the Lord” (9:28)?
5. Think about Luke’s summary statement in Acts 9:31-32.
  - In what way was the church “being built up”?
  - In what way was the church “walking in the fear of the Lord”?
  - In what way was the church “walking in the comfort of the Holy Spirit”?
  - How do these elements contribute to the multiplication of the church?
6. What do we learn from the brief account of Aeneas’ healing in Acts 9:32-35?
7. In what way could Peter say, “Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you” (9:34)?
8. And what about the account of Tabitha’s healing in Acts 9:36-43? What do we learn?
9. Of all the healings Luke could document, what is the point of including the healing of Aeneas and Tabitha?