

All of the Above

Acts 9:31-43

Gospel increase requires empowered _____

Together, we:

For Further Reflection and Discussion

Opener: Which of your birthdays brings back the most positive memories?

How did God speak to you or work in you at church this Sunday?

Read Acts 9:31-43. What happens to the Church in these verses?

How is Tabitha described?

- What did she do?
- How did others feel about her?

In what ways is God's power shown in these verses?

- What is the immediate effect of this?

Verse 42 says that "many believed in the Lord." Based on what has been said previously in Acts (e.g., in 2:38, 4:1-4, 8:12), what did they believe?

On Sunday, Pastor Tim described a Venn diagram with three overlapping circles. One circle represented God's truth; another, God's love; and the third, God's power.

- What would the dangers be in emphasizing one of these themes at the expense of the others?
- In churches you have been a part of (without naming names), which of these have tended to be emphasized?
- Which of these three circles feels most natural for you? In which of these do your gifts and passions lie?
- What are some challenges a church might have in moving toward a more thorough "all of the above" paradigm (living from the center of the Venn diagram)?
- What would the benefits be of doing this well?

How can we pray for one another?