

## Part 20 | Jesus Christ Heals

Acts 9:32-43

How many names of individuals?

How many towns are mentioned?

Groups of people?

### Jesus Christ **HEALS**, (v. 32-35)

healing/salvation by grace alone 1 Peter 2:24; Psalm 6:2; 147:3-5

Jesus heals and redeems Isaiah 61:1-3; Psalm 130:7

### creates a community of **SAINTS** and **DISCIPLES**, (v. 36-40)

saint =

disciple =

fanaticism, fatalism, and active faith

fanaticism =

fatalism =

active faith =

Hebrews 11:6; Matthew 14:27

### and brings **RESURRECTION** and **LIFE**. (v. 40-43)

God calls us by name Isaiah 43:1

Jesus Christ is our resurrection and life Psalm 145:14; Micah 7:8



Text us at **833-271-8805**.

Text this number anytime for prayer. Just say, "Pray for..." followed by your request.

Or if you just need someone to talk to, start texting us with whatever's going on and someone will be in touch via text.

# P. R. A. Y.

A HELPFUL WAY TO PRAY

Use the acronym "P.R.A.Y." to shape the way you pray. . .

## P | Praise

Psalm 150:6 says, "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!" Giving praise to God is the most commonly given commandment in the Bible. It is not a suggestion! We are to praise God, the Creator and sustainer of all things, for his good gifts we receive every day. Praise is a great way to begin prayer.

**Praise focuses our minds on Christ rather than ourselves.**

**Praise affects our feelings, causing deep affection for God.**

**Praise is preferable to despair, and changes your thinking.**

## R | Repent

Revival is always preceded by repentance. Confession of sin and acknowledgment of the need for God to work in our lives begins in prayer. Be specific. True confession is to say the same thing about your sin that God says about it.

**Ask for and give forgiveness to others.**

**Clear your conscience, go make things right if needed.**

## A | Ask

This tends to be the place most of us begin in prayer. There is absolutely nothing wrong with doing this. It just shouldn't be the entirety of what prayer is in your life!

In John 14:13-14, John tells us that God invites us to ask him for things, "Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it." Asking God for the things we need is wise and necessary.

**Pray in faith & according to God's will.**

**Pray with patience, trusting God's timing and presence.**

## Y | Yield

When entering into prayer, even if there are things we're asking for, we should do so with a posture of yielding to whatever it is that God wants to do in, for, and through us to grow his kingdom. Ask away, but yield to God's plan not your demands.

**Yield when you are unsure...** Ask him to reveal his will regardless of what it may look like.

**Yield when you don't want to...** Yield to his will—it is better for you than what you want anyway.

Adapted from an article from College Park Church Resources. Find the original at <https://cpresources.net/p-r-a-y-a-prayer-acronym-for-daily-life/>



# Study Guide

Questions & Scripture for Further Study

**What is this?** – Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, & live life together. **We call them Life Groups.** The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a related part of Scripture), and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a Life Group, let us know on a Connect Card or at the Connect Desk!

## Getting Started

One of our goals in Life Groups is to learn more about one another. This week let's play "Two Truths and a Lie." See if you can stump your group! Go around and have each person share 3 things about themselves. It could be an experience, a trait, a random fact about their family... but one of those 3 has to be a lie! Have the group guess which one they think is the lie.

**Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching,** was there anything you heard for the first time, that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

## Digging Deeper

**Use this guide for further personal and group study this week.** For the most impact in your life and in your group, *work through it on your own before you gather with your Life Group.* If your Life Group isn't gathering this week, use this guide for further study personally.

1. One mark of a growing disciple is abiding. Jesus uses a vineyard analogy in John 15:1-8 to show us what it takes to stay connected to him so we can experience the power to live an abundant life. Read the passage and jot down the roles each of the main characters (God the Father, Jesus and the believer) play and the responsibility each has in our spiritual growth process.

**Circle or highlight** any words or phrases that catch your attention. **Underline** what you think is important to remember. **Put an X** next to anything that confuses you.

<sup>1</sup>I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. <sup>2</sup>He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. <sup>3</sup>You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. <sup>5</sup>"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

JOHN 15:1-8 (NIV)

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# Welcome to Wawasee!

## OUR CORE VALUES

These are things you'll see to be true about us...



### 1. It's All About Jesus!

You'll hear us say this often.—Why? Because *it's all about Jesus!* Apart from his death, burial, and resurrection we're wasting our time.



### 2. God Wrote it All Down

God wrote a book—and we are to believe the Bible in all that it teaches, obey it in all it requires, and trust it in all that it promises.



### 3. All People Matter

No matter who you are, where you're from, what you've done, or what's been done to you—you *matter to Jesus and you matter to us!*



### 4. We All Need Friends

You were designed to belong, not to go through life alone. Jesus created each of us desiring friendship and to live in community.



### 5. No Sacred Cows

Jesus is sacred, God's Word is sacred, *but our opinions, methods, and traditions are not*—we'll let go of any of them if more people can experience life change through the Gospel!

## Word Find in the Word

Find the words from a passage related to this week's message.

### Word Find for Acts 26:15-18 (NirV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

<sup>32</sup> As **Peter** traveled around the **country**, he went to **visit God's people** in **Lydda**. <sup>33</sup> There he **found** a **disabled** man named **Aeneas**. For **eight** years the man had **spent most** of his **time** in bed.

<sup>34</sup> "**Aeneas**," Peter said to him, "**Jesus Christ** heals you. Get up! **Take care** of your mat!" So **Aeneas** got up **right away**. <sup>35</sup> **Everyone** who **lived** in **Lydda** and **Sharon** saw him. They **turned** to the **Lord**.

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## life groups Study Guide (continued)

- How could understanding these differing roles and responsibilities affect your spiritual growth?
  - What are some challenges for you to consistently remain in Christ and experience the life he promises?
2. Consistently living as a follower of Jesus can be challenging. It's easy to wonder, "How can we expect to be able to act like the sinless Savior of the world when we live in a fallen world and we have a sin nature?" What insights and encouragement do the following passages provide for why following Jesus is possible and why we don't have to accomplish it by sheer determination alone?
- Acts 1:8**
- John 16:7**
- Galatians 5:16-26**
3. Another mark of being a growing disciple is to pursue Jesus' character. In **2 Peter 1:3-9**, the Apostle Peter gives a list of character qualities he calls us to develop so we can be more like Jesus. As you look at the list, are there any that you've specifically worked on in the past or been challenged to put into action?

- Is there one quality you think you need to be more intentional at putting into action?
- Can you think of any potential roadblocks that keep you from developing godly character?
- How could **Philippians 2:12-13** help you maintain balance as you pursue character growth?

## Prayer

As you close, take time to pray for each other.

This week's Study Guide is adapted in part from a study by North Coast Church in Vista, CA. North Coast is a sister church of Wawasee Bible and part of the EFCA.



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# ACTS

## EMPOWERED FOR JESUS'S MISSION

Sunday, March 12, 2023



## PART 20

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### ACTS 9:32-43



### We're Glad You're Here Today!

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