

Signs and Wonders (Acts 8-9 NIV)

SERMON NOTES AND DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

I. Introduction

- a. Two-dimensional or three-dimensional?

II. Community of Joy (Acts 8:5-8)

- a. Why was there joy?

- b. Joy in Richland?

- c. Let's dream ...

III. What God is already doing

- a. Ethiopian eunuch (Acts 8:26-40)

- b. Saul (Acts 9:1-19)

IV. Conclusion

- a. Aeneas (Acts 9:32-35)

- b. Tabitha (Acts 9:36-43)

Discussion Questions

Sharing Life Together:

1. What's your favorite type of exhibit at a museum?
2. What has God done in your life that has brought you joy?

For Reflection:

1. Why do you think the outward sign is significant for inward transformation?
2. Why do you think the church exists? Why does West Side exist?
3. If The Tri-City Herald published a front-page article about West Side and its impact in the community, what would you hope it would say? Share a few ideas.
4. What signs and wonders do you think God wants to do in Richland through West Side?
5. If we trust that God is already working in people's lives, does that make it easier to show up in their life to help them move closer to Jesus? Why or why not?
 - a. What is still challenging for us about this?
6. What do you think are some of the "felt needs" people experience that may be inroads for conversations about Jesus?
7. Saul was the last person anyone would have thought of as a Jesus follower. There was even trouble in accepting him within the church in the beginning. Is there a "Saul" in your life? Share a bit about them. Once everyone has shared, take some time and pray that God would do something miraculous in their lives.
8. How can you be a Phillip or Ananias for someone?