

### Acts 9: 32-43: Dorcas (Tabitha)

1. What are some big changes you have experienced recently? How do you feel about them?
2. **Read Acts 9: 32-43** When has a seemingly small job for the Lord, turned out to be more significant than you thought? Sometimes small acts of kindness have big consequences; can you recall any examples?
3. Who do you know that reminds you of Dorcas (Tabitha) What godly characteristics do you see in their lives.
4. Do you find it easier to share God's love in deed rather than word? Why do you think this is?
5. 'Share the gospel always; if necessary use words.' This is a phrase often attributed to Francis of Assisi. **Compare James 2: 14-26 with Ephesians 2: 8-9.** What do you conclude?
6. When have you obeyed more quickly because you remember seeing God at work in a previous situation.
7. **Read Mark 5: 35-43** Compare Jesus' prayers with those of Peter.

What do you notice about the way Peter prays? This is the first time Peter has raised someone from the dead in Jesus' name. How might this have helped prepare him for the way God uses him later in the story?

8. In what ways can you ensure you don't forget Jesus' answer to your prayers and the way he uses you? How can we encourage one another?
9. Both Aeneas and Dorcas experienced the power of God at work in their lives. What effect do you think this will have had on the way they lived afterwards? How do we respond to God's power at work in us?

### 10. Time to Pray:

- Pray for an opportunity to share God's love and grace with someone this week (make a note to feed back to the group what this looked like, next week)
- Pray for those you know who are suffering in body, mind or spirit. Dare to ask for God's healing power to touch them.
- Ask God what small thing you have in your hand that you can use to serve Him.