

ACTS – Tabitha
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Reflection & Discussion Questions

Jesus is the only hope for world change

But his people have a practical part to play.

*Where should we best focus our energies to change the world? What would actually make a difference in this place?

Miracles have never been God’s strategy to change the world

God’s strategy is ordinary people like Tabitha.

Read and discuss Acts 9:36-42

³⁶ In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas); she was always doing good and helping the poor. ³⁷ About that time she became sick and died, and her body was washed and placed in an upstairs room. ³⁸ Lydda was near Joppa; so when the disciples heard that Peter was in Lydda, they sent two men to him and urged him, “Please come at once!”

³⁹ Peter went with them, and when he arrived he was taken upstairs to the room. All the widows stood around him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them.

⁴⁰ Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and prayed. Turning toward the dead woman, he said, “Tabitha, get up.” She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up. ⁴¹ He took her by the hand and helped her to her feet. Then he called for the believers, especially the widows, and presented her to them alive. ⁴² This became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord.

*What does this passage show us about God? About people?

*What is the significance of Luke’s use of the word disciple here? Of the woman’s Hebrew and Greek names?

*What do we learn about who Tabitha was in these verses?

Tabitha used ordinary skills for incredible Kingdom purposes

The ordinary skills God has given us, done in love and Jesus’ name are the primary tools used to change the world.

*Where have you seen ordinary skills be impactful in the world?

*What are your ‘non-spiritual gifts’? What are you good at?

*Brainstorm some ways to use these skills to lovingly serve others. Is there a place He’s leading you to use them for Kingdom forces?