

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

For the week of September 26-October 2, 2021

“DORCAS: A LADY FULL OF GOOD WORKS”

GETTING STARTED

To the facilitator: Use this section to introduce the topic. If possible, give a brief recap of the sermon.

Share a memorable point, a spiritual lesson, a personal application, a question, or something that challenged you from the sermon last Sunday.

If there is one thing you want to still accomplish in your life, what would that one thing be?

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Read Acts 9:36-43. Describe Dorcas/Tabitha and list her gifts as well as her circumstances. What stands out to you?
2. The text tells us that Dorcas was “full of good works and acts of charity” (ESV). How do the other translations render this (say NIV, NASB, NLT)? Does this give us any impression of her role in the church in Joppa? Do you know someone like Dorcas?
3. Dorcas is the only person in the Bible to be directly called a disciple. Why is it important that our good works begin with us being disciples? What is the nature of being a disciple of Christ?
4. What little thing, what dream, what false start, have you despised? Do you despise your failures? How does Zechariah 4:6-10 (particularly verse 10) encourage you?
5. Without saying or doing anything, Dorcas was living proof of God’s mighty power and healing love. Can you think of ways in which, even without a startling miracle like this, we might be able to fulfil the words of Jesus to “let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven”? (Matthew 5:16).
6. Peter was in Jerusalem when Stephen was killed and buried (Ac 8:2), but he went to Joppa and brought Dorcas back to life. One believer died while another was brought back to life. How do you explain God working differently in the lives of different people?

7. What is the most precious legacy that someone (dead or alive) has left to you? Do you think that person who left that legacy knew they were doing it? How does this statement impact where you are today: “Finishing well is not what we do at the end of our lives; it’s what we do every day of our lives”?

8. NEXT STEPS

No one can do everything but everyone can do something.

- By the grace of God, I will rise above my circumstances.
- I will be faithful in the little things.
- I will not despise the small things but will do them with integrity and consistency.
- I will be mindful of and endeavor to leave a legacy that will glorify the Lord.

Don’t forget to:

- Go through the devotionals everyday this week.
- Have a regular daily time of prayer and reading of God’s Word.
- Commit 30 minutes a day for God’s intervention in this fight against the COVID virus.

CLOSING THE SESSION.

Close the session by taking the time to pray for one another. Consider the following as you pray:

- Pray that you grow to live as a disciple like Dorcas.
- Take the time to pray for our nation, for peace and for the gospel to prosper during this time of the pandemic.
- Pray for those who are hurting, going through fear, worry and anxiety in the group.
- Pray for your unsaved family, friends and loved ones.

BIBLE READING SCHEDULE.

September 27. Acts 9:36-43.

September 28. 2 Kings 4:38-44.

September 29. 2 Samuel 22:26-37.

September 30. Ruth 2:1-12.

October 1. Acts 18:18-28.

October 2. Mark 9:33-37.

October 3. 2 Timothy 1:5-14.