TALK IT OVER

CASE STUDY
Tabitha (Dorcas)

BOTTOM LINE

Following Jesus leads to a life full of good works and generosity.

CONVERSATION STARTER

When you think of generosity, who comes to mind and why?

THINGS TO CONSIDER

What did you hear?

What do you think?

What will you do?

RESOURCE

- The Daily: newpointe.org/thedaily
- A Generosity Beyond Tithing - (9 min.)

VERSES AND QUOTES

There was a believer in Joppa named Tabitha (which in Greek is Dorcas). She was always doing kind things for others and helping the poor. About this time she became ill and died. Her body was washed for burial and laid in an upstairs room. But the believers had heard that Peter was nearby at Lydda, so they sent two men to beg him, "Please come as soon as possible!" So Peter returned with them; and as soon as he arrived, they took him to the upstairs room. The room was filled with widows who were weeping and showing him the coats and other clothes Dorcas had made for them. But Peter asked them all to leave the room; then he knelt and prayed. Turning to the body he said, "Get up, Tabitha." And she opened her eyes! When she saw Peter, she sat up! He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then he called in the widows and all the believers, and he presented her to them alive. The news spread through the whole town, and many believed in the Lord. Acts 9:36-42 NLT

God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him. Acts 10:38 NIV

"Preach the gospel at all times and if necessary use words."
– St. Francis of Assisi

"There may have been lots of things that Dorcas couldn't do. But she didn't focus on what she couldn't do. She looked at what she had and leveraged it."
– Dwight Mason

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Tabitha's life of significance began by **following Jesus.** How does following Jesus begin change? Then she began to **do good works** for others as a lifestyle. What kind of good works did she do? Whose life is better because of your good works? Tabitha **rose above her limitations.** What are they? What are your limitations and how can you rise above them? She valued **faithfulness.** Doing good and being generous was her lifestyle. What would lifestyle faithfulness and generosity look like in your life? Tabitha **endeavored to leave a legacy.** When people heard her name, the picture of generosity and good works came to mind. That is how a legacy works. It is how you are remembered. At this point, what would your legacy be? What would you like to change?

ACTION STEP

I want to live a significant life and leave a legacy like Tabitha. This week I will take this step: _____