

# HAPPY Mother's Day

## DISCUSSION GUIDE

### DISCUSSION GOAL



*To discuss what it looks like to lead a life of Gospel faithfulness.*

### ICE BREAKER



Besides your own mother, share about another female figure who has influenced your life and faith.

### TEXT



*Have a member of your group read the passage aloud.*

#### Acts 9:36-42

<sup>36</sup> Now there was in Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which, translated, means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity. <sup>37</sup> In those days she became ill and died, and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. <sup>38</sup> Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him, urging him, "Please come to us without delay." <sup>39</sup> So Peter rose and went with them. And when he arrived, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping and showing tunics and other garments that Dorcas made while she was with them. <sup>40</sup> But Peter put them all outside, and knelt down and prayed; and turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, arise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. <sup>41</sup> And he gave her his hand and raised her up. Then, calling the saints and widows, he presented her alive. <sup>42</sup> And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

### MESSAGE OUTLINE



*This is what our pastoral team observed about the passage.*

**Big Idea:** God honors the faithfulness of godly women!

**Key Question:** What does a life of gospel faithfulness look like?

1. Serve with grace. (v. 36)
2. Influence through grace. (vv. 37-39)
3. Receive God's power and grace. (vv. 40-42)

## DISCUSSION



- Verse 36 tells us that Tabitha (Dorcas) was “full of good works and acts of charity.” How does someone get a reputation like this? Is this something that could be said of you?
- Tell your group how you have seen God use seeming small acts of faithfulness in your life to be a blessing to others.
- In Acts 9:37-39, we see how Tabitha’s death was mourned by her friends. What is something you hope people will say about you or what do you hope people will remember after you die?
- Read Mark 5:35-43. What similarities do you see between Jesus raising the girl in this story and Peter, being used by God to raise Tabitha back to life?
- In faith, Peter followed Jesus’ example to do the impossible by the power of the Holy Spirit. When was the last time you relied on the power of the Holy Spirit to do the seemingly impossible?

## LIFE APPLICATION



This week’s passage was about a woman who lived out her faith, making an impact in her community by sharing God’s grace with others. God took her faithfulness and multiplied her impact, raising her from the dead, by grace, and continuing to use her for His glory. As a group discuss ways in which you’ve seen God multiply your faithfulness and how you can live lives of grace this week.

*Jot your ideas below and send a picture to your group to remind everyone of your action steps this week.*

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## PRAYER REQUESTS



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