

# Peter's Miracles Lead to Salvation

Acts 9:32-43

## MAIN IDEAS

- Peter travels to Lydda and heals Aeneas
- People in Lydda and Sharon turn to God as a result of the healing
- Peter restores Tabitha to life in Joppa
- Many believe in the Lord as a result of Tabitha's restoration to life

Notice verse 32. Why is Peter traveling to Lydda?

What's Peter's response to encountering Aenas?

What do you think is the motivation of the two men from Joppa who find Peter in Lydda and ask him to come?

What similarities do you see between Jesus' ministry and Peter's ministry? Why would this be significant? *Refer to Mark 2:1-12; Luke 7:11-17, 8:49-56; John 11:14-44.*

## PERSONAL RESPONSE

Imagine you are Aenas and have been paralyzed and bedridden for 8 years. What is your response to Peter telling you to "Rise and make your bed." Why would you respond this way?

In your own life, how have you seen God use healing, whether physical or spiritual, to point others to him? If you haven't seen this happen, take some time and ask God to work in your life to bring about healing that would bring glory to himself.

Notice what Tabitha, a disciple, is known for in v.36. What are you known for? Is this what your life should be known for as a disciple of Christ?

## GROUP RESPONSE

While you likely haven't physically been brought back to life like Tabitha, if you are a follower of Christ, you have been spiritually restored to life. (See *Ephesians 2:4-7*) Take time as a group to ponder the miraculousness of this and thank God for this. Then ponder: is your restoration to life made known to those around you the way Tabitha's was? How can you encourage one another this week to be showing Christ's love through actions and new life like Tabitha?

## REPRODUCE

It can be easy to look at miracles like those that Peter performed and think, "I could never do that." Yet the Bible says that we have God's Spirit in us as disciples of Christ. Read *1 Cor. 12:4-12* and *Romans 8:11*. Then pray and ask God to work through His Spirit in you to do His work.

## KEY VERSES

From the sermon:

- Acts 9:32-43

Additional verses from the study:

- Mark 2:1-12
- Luke 7:11-17
- Luke 8:49-56
- John 11:14-44
- Ephesians 2:4-7
- 1 Cor. 12:4-12
- Romans 8:11