

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

Acts: The Church. Established. Empowered. Expanding - Acts 9:32-43 - The Gospel Goes Forth - 01.05.2025

1. Is there anything specific from this message that the Lord has impressed upon your heart?
If so, what is it & how do you feel the Lord calling you to respond?
2. How/where have you seen the Lord work in some specific way THROUGH another person?
What was the specific situation and how did the Lord accomplish the work THROUGH this person?
How about in your own life; when have you seen the Lord work through YOU in a specific way?
How did you know it was the Lord working through you, and how did that work glorify Jesus in that circumstance?
Were you tempted to take credit for the work the Lord was doing through you, or were you quick to give Him glory?
Did you learn anything new about yourself or the Lord through that? If so, what did you learn & why does it matter?
3. Consider the descriptions of the two people whom Peter ministers to in Lydda (Aeneas) & Joppa (Tabitha aka Dorcas):
What stands out to you about each of them and their situations?
How does the Lord glorify Himself in each of their cases - and how do these healings lead to the praise of Jesus' name?
How does Tabitha's life as verse 36 describes reveal the character of the God whom she serves?
Do you believe your life would be described by those who know you in a similar manner?
If not, what is preventing you from being "full of good works and acts of charity" in your life?
How has the Lord equipped you for this by the Holy Spirit (& what Scripture passages reveal this truth)?
4. What happens to those in the surrounding areas who hear of these things or see those who've been healed afterward?
How does this reveal that all people respond in some way when they're confronted with the work of God?
What are the two potential responses to Jesus (note - only one of them is explicitly stated in this passage of Scripture)?
How does Peter's choice to stay with Simon, who's a tanner, show that unity in Christ overcomes any cultural differences?
5. Below are the "Today's Takeaways" from the sermon. Do any of these particularly encourage, convict, challenge, you, & if so, how?
Peter's works are done in the power/name of Jesus!
If & when God uses us, Jesus rightly gets the glory!
Tabitha (Dorcas) was full of good works & charity!
As we follow Jesus, we should be full of the same!
Peter has no issues staying with Simon the Tanner!
Our unity in Jesus overcomes all other differences!
All will respond as they see/hear of the Lord's work!
People either deny/reject Him; or believe in Him!
SO...HOW WILL WE RESPOND THIS DAY?!