

Faith at Home weekly – April 25, 2010

Read: Acts 9:36-43

Consider/Discuss:

1. Who is Tabitha (Dorcas)? Why was she valued in her community?
2. Who specifically spoke highly of her? Widows weren't valued in Jesus' time, but Jesus showed favor to widows. If Tabitha (Dorcas) honored widows with beautiful garments, what does this say about who she was?
3. Why do you think the Christian community of Joppa urged Peter to come to Joppa at once? What do you think they hoped for? Do you think they hoped for resurrection? What does this say about the community's faith? Would they have gone to this extent for just anyone?
4. There are very few stories of people being resurrected in the New Testament. Why do you think the Lord resurrected Tabitha (Dorcas)? How do you think the resurrection of Tabitha (Dorcas) impacted the Christian community?
5. What does this story remind us about Christ's resurrection and the life we are to live?
6. How can you live like Tabitha (Dorcas)?

Activity:

Make a list of people who have positively influenced your life (perhaps 3). What have they done that makes them memorable? What qualities underlie their behavior? Share one of these persons with the people with you. After this, take a minute to assess your gifts and how you can humbly serve others through that gifting. Ask each other what gifts they see in you!

Prayer (someone pray):

Dear Lord,

I want to be like Tabitha —a spirit-filled Christ-follower who is valued because of a quiet service to the least, the last, the lost. But I often give up. Think it's too hard. Plain don't want to. Please refine me to be a person who wants to become more like Christ—a Christian like Tabitha who dies to herself to give life to others.

In Jesus Name,

Amen