

SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE



PRINCE
OF PEACE
Called to Connect



Kindness

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The resurrection story of Tabitha is way more than a resurrection story. This is a story of regular folks living the spiritual fruit of kindness. Kindness is what Peter resurrects. Kindness is worth resurrection. Our world is fractured between those on the inside and those who are left out. Living the Spirit Life of kindness, we step into the gap, becoming part of the generous resurrection power of the kingdom of God.

SCRIPTURE TEXT: ACTS 9:36-42

Read the scripture text together as a group.

BACKGROUND INFO

The story of Tabitha is a story of resurrection, but with a big twist. Tabitha's story shows us how kindness leads ordinary people to do ordinary things, creating extraordinary generosity in the world. We don't know much about her. The seven verses in Acts 9 hardly tell a whole life's story, but we learn a few things about Tabitha from this passage that help us learn a few things about ourselves when it comes to kindness. She has a lot to teach us.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Pastor Paul Gauche shared the story of Frosty Westering, a football coach who modeled and taught kindness. Who do you look up to as a role model of kindness? Share their story.
- **Kindness matters.** Spend some time reflecting on and sharing about times that you performed acts of kindness. Then tell about times you were on the receiving end of acts of kindness. In these stories, what motivated the acts of kindness? What was the impact?
- **Use the gifts you've been given to help others.** Any ability can be utilized to help others in very personal and practical ways. What is an ability you use to help others? Work together to brainstorm new and creative ways you can use those abilities.
- **Stay Faithful in Doing Good for Others.** How can you make kindness a habit? What gets in the way of faithful good-doing? How have you seen God increase the influence of small but consistent kindness?
- **Build relationships that will have lasting impact on others.** How do you want to be remembered? What kind of legacy do you want to leave? Do your answers to those questions require you to change your priorities? Explain.

CHALLENGE: Let your life speak. Embrace the call to develop the spiritual fruit of kindness in your life. And, like Tabitha, be a disciple - intentional about following Jesus with everything you have.