



Do you like change? Few of us do. It is so easy to settle into a comfortable rut rather than endure the discomfort of change. This lesson is about changes that were necessary for the early church to grow. Ask God what changes are needed in your life for you to become your best..

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read [Acts 9:32-43](#). Jot down 1 or 2 new thoughts that seem important. Why are they important?
2. Peter is continuing his tour of Samaritan and Judean towns. Now he is in Lydda, a small town twelve miles from Joppa, a seaport on the Mediterranean.
 - a. What situations did he encounter in the area?
3. Describe Dorcas.
 - a. What impact had she made on her friends and neighbors?
 - b. In what ways was the raising of Dorcas similar to the raising of Jairus's daughter in [Luke 8:49-56](#)?
 - c. What do you think people will say about you when you die physically? What do you hope they say?
4. How did the Lord use Peter in this passage? Think of how Peter was described in the Gospels versus here in the book of Acts. How did Peter change? What changed him? What did he have to do?
5. What was the secret to Peter's power?
6. Where did Peter reside in Joppa? Why is his place of residence in Joppa significant? (Hint: [Leviticus 11:24](#))
7. Do miracles still happen in the body of Christ today? Why or why not? If yes, can you think of a recent example?

MOVING FORWARD

It is significant that Peter stayed with a man who was, by vocation, a leatherworker who made animal hides into leather. This occupation involved contact with dead animals, and Jewish law considered it an "unclean" job. Peter was already beginning to break down his prejudice against people who were not of his kind and customs that did not adhere to Jewish religious traditions. In what ways do you need to change to better reach those around you? Ready to be used by God? Pray. Study. Train. Go do it!

CHANGING YOUR MIND

⁴² [And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed on the Lord.](#) Acts 9:42