

# Sermon Series: Acts: The Church on Fire

## Acts 9:32-43 *Wanted for Kingdom Work: Faithful, Available*

**\*God uses faithful disciples in His Kingdom work.**

God's Kingdom work is the redemption and restoration of lives.

### **I. Restored Purpose (Aeneas)**

- A. Peter went here and there
- B. The saints at Lydda
- C. Found Aeneas
- D. "Jesus Christ heals you"
- E. A restored purpose over a hopeless situation

### **II. Restored Life (Tabitha)**

- A. Tabitha: a disciple in Joppa
- B. Became ill and died
- C. "Please come to us...."
- D. "Tabitha, arise."
- E. A restored life over a hopeless outcome (death)

### **III. Restored Relationship (Simon)**

- A. Peter stayed in Joppa
- B. Stayed many days with Simon
- C. Tanner
- D. A restored relationship over a hopeless position

### **IV. Results of Restoration**

- A. Each life brought back to God
- B. Those nearby turned to God
- C. God is opening up the door for Peter to be used further in the next chapters
- D. Disciples used in God's kingdom work because of being faithful and available

### **V. Live It Out**

- A. Do you live life for your purpose or God's?
- B. Are you available to God?

C. Do you notice the lives around you?

## **VI. God uses faithful disciples in His Kingdom work**

- A. "If a Christian is not willing to rise early and work late, to expend greater effort in diligent study and faithful work, that person will not change a generation. Fatigue is the price of leadership. Mediocrity is the result of never being tired." (Oswald Sanders, *Spiritual Leadership*.)
- B. Leadership is taking responsibility for other people.