



Series: Types of Evangelism
Lesson 6: **Service Evangelist**

Adapted from Kelli Mahoney's Handout [Types of Evangelism](#)¹

Acts 9:31-43

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- Identification of Key Verse: At Joppa there was a certain disciple named Tabitha, which is translated Dorcas. This woman was full of good works and charitable deeds which she did (Acts 9:36).²
- Conversation about Scriptures
 - Consider the following questions after reading the description of “The Service Evangelist” in the [Types of Evangelism](#) Handout and Acts 9:31-43.
 - Acts 9:31 The Church Prospers
 - Why were the churches multiplied?
 - What lessons does this tell us about how we should measure how churches prosper?
 - Acts 9:32-35—Peter Heals Aeneas
 - How long had Aeneas been paralyzed?
 - What do you know about the title “Jesus the Christ” and why might this be appropriate for Peter to use this phrase?
 - Based on what happens in these verses, what are the purposes for miracles for those healed and for those who learned about people who are healed?

Turn Over

¹ <http://christianteens.about.com/od/christianliving/tp/EvangelismStyle.htm>

² *The New King James Version*. 1982 (Ac 9:36). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

- Acts 9:36-37—Tabitha’s (Dorcas) Testimony and Death
 - What description about Tabitha’s life justify her reference as a “disciple?”

- Acts 9:38-39—Peter Arrives
 - What biographical information do you know about Peter, particularly relating to the book of Acts?

 - Why might the widows show Peter the clothes that Tabitha made?

- Acts 9:40-41—Peter Prays and Tabitha’s Rises from the Dead
 - How do you interpret reasons for Peter putting the weeping widows out?

 - Why might Peter invite the saints and widows in after Tabitha was raised from the dead?

- Acts 9:42-43—God is Glorified
 - What did the people of Joppa believe?

- How do these verses demonstrate Tabitha’s (Dorcas’) role as The Service Evangelist?

- List three words that you feel best summarize challenges the blind man faced as The Service Evangelist.

- Practical Application
 - Role-playing scenarios involving service evangelism strategies

 - In your own words, briefly describe what you believe about evangelism based on today’s lesson. You can begin your statement with something like: “Evangelism, I believe…”