

## ***A Testimony of God's Grace***

*Acts 9:36-43*

### ***BIG IDEA:***

*Fully embrace the ministry that God has given you.*

### **3 Necessary Elements of a Grace-infused Ministry:**

- I. **Tabitha's ministry clearly revealed a spiritually fruitful life. (9:36)**
  - A. She openly identified herself as a **disciple** of Jesus Christ.
  - B. She made significant deposits of unconditional **love** within her community.
  - C. She was actively engaged in demonstrating **good works**.
  
- II. **Tabitha's ministry clearly revealed a focus on loving and serving others. (9:37-39)**
  - A. She made a **significant impact** for the glory of God within her community—and they greatly loved her.
  
  - B. She did not limit her ministry by focusing only on those who could reciprocate her **kindness**.

### III. Tabitha's ministry clearly revealed the glory of Jesus Christ. (9:40-43)

- A. God used her ministry to glorify Jesus Christ's power over death.
- B. God used her ministry to glorify Jesus Christ's power over sin's curse.
- C. God continues to use her ministry to glorify His grace and what He can accomplish through the life of His disciples.

#### Application

- Every Christian is "in the ministry!"
- God calls every Christian to pursue a spiritually fruitful life.
- God calls every Christian to focus on loving and serving others.
- God calls every Christian to glorify Jesus Christ.

#### Questions

- Have you clearly identified the ministry that God has given you?
- Are you fully embracing this ministry as God's personal gift and calling for you?