



# THE PLUG

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**May focus: What If**

**What if God wants you to meet someone's needs.**

**PLUG VERSE OF THE WEEK: [ Proverbs 22:9 ] The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor.**

**[Bible verses: Acts 9:36-43, Isaiah 58:6-8, Proverbs 22:9]**

**Ice Breaker Game:**

## **DISCUSSION:**

- What's the kindest thing someone has ever done to help you?
- What's easier for you: to ask for help or to give help? Why do you think that is?
- Do you know of any people for whom helping comes naturally? Why do you think it is easy for them?

**When artists paint, they're intentional about the colors they use because each one serves a purpose. This week, we'll hear Tabitha's story as we explore how we can serve our communities and let them serve us in return. We can follow her model and make a difference in the people around us because what if God wants you to meet someone's needs?**

## **Acts 9: 36-43**

The Bible shows remarkable examples of people who took time to care for others. One of those people is named Tabitha. Her story is found in Acts 9.

Tabitha is awesome! She's described as always doing good and helping people who are experiencing poverty. At this time, there was a struggle with what it looked like to follow Jesus and who was allowed to be part of the community worshipping Jesus. But Tabitha didn't let those labels stop her from caring for people. She just wanted to use her gifts to help others and tell them about Jesus.

So that's what she did. She served and cared for people. She was such a beloved community member the people were devastated when she died. When Peter shows up, this group of widows she had been caring for shows him all of the incredible clothes and robes Tabitha made for them.

She added goodness, joy, and hope to the lives of those around her, covering them with her care and kindness.

As Tabitha looked around the world, she could recognize the world wasn't as it should be. She saw so many people with needs and decided to do something about it. People knew who she was because she cared for this group of widows—often among the community's most vulnerable.

She used her skills and talents to make clothes and robes for the widows, but it wasn't just about what she could do for them. Her care made them feel differently, too. Tabitha created a space for people to feel loved, secure, and cared for.

When we think about helping people, we often go straight to needs like food, water, and shelter. Those are essential needs, but we can't overlook how we can love people through connection, a kind word, or simply acknowledging their existence. Tabitha did all of those things and, by doing so, showed a way toward justice in the world.

### **Connecting Questions:**

- If someone described you like Tabitha as “always doing good and helping the poor,” what kind of thing would you be involved in?

### **General life Questions:**

- ***What's a lesson you've learned from a difficult experience/situation?***

### **Prayer Request**

### **Tithes**

**Altar Call:** Looking to be baptized or rededicate life to God.

### **Announcements:**

### **Close**