

## **Living in Thanks**

### **Lesson 4 — Student Guide**

**Prepare for class:** Read Acts 9:36-42

#### **Lesson Goal**

The goal of this lesson is to answer the following question: **How do Christians live because of their spiritual identity as God’s children, righteous and free because of Christ?**

#### **Think**

#### **Evaluate**

1. Who are the characters in this story?
2. What are the objects in this story?
3. Where did this story happen?
4. When did this story happen?
5. What is the problem?
6. What events occurred in this story?
7. Is the problem solved?

#### **Learn**

8. What is the main theme of this lesson?
9. What sin does this lesson teach us to confess?
10. Where do you see the love of God in this lesson?
11. What does God teach us to do in this lesson?

#### **Lead**

12. What would be a good situation in which to share this message?

#### **Additional questions**

13. Our Bible reading told us that Tabitha was a disciple of Christ. She led her life in thankfulness to God. How did she thank God for loving and saving her?
14. How did Tabitha’s friends show that they loved her?

15. Now let's look at what motivates Christians to live for God as Tabitha did. Read 1 John 5:1-5.  
When Jesus is called "the Christ," it refers to him being the Savior God promised to send. Those who believe in the Son of God believe in his Father as well. How do believers show love to God?
16. Now read 1 John 4:11. What motivates us to love and serve others? God's love for us. And how does God show his love for us?
17. Some churches teach that if a person obeys God enough, God will make that person have a life filled with riches and other good things. What serious problems come to your mind as you think about such a teaching?
18. Now come up with some specific ways you, like Tabitha, can use your talents to thank God for saving you.

**Lesson wrap-up**

**How do Christians live because of their spiritual identity as God's children, righteous and free because of Christ?**