

# LIFE <sub>OF</sub> PETER

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### Course Goals

- To understand the scope and source of Peter's character transformation
- To imitate Peter's growth in Christ-like character
- To prepare to defend a scriptural view of Peter's role and authority in the early church

### Schedule of Lessons

Date	Lesson
Sunday, Sept 20	1 – Meeting the Master
Wednesday, Sept 23	2 – A Weekend with Jesus
Sunday, Sept 27	3 – Peter Among the Apostles
Wednesday, Sept 30	4 – Who Jesus Is and What He Came to Do
Sunday, Oct 4	5 – Peter at the Transfiguration
Wednesday, Oct 7	6 – The Last Supper and Crucifixion
Sunday, Oct 11	7 – Begotten Again by the Resurrection
Wednesday, Oct 14	8 – Using the Keys to the Kingdom
Sunday, Oct 18	9 – Confronting the Jewish Leadership
Wednesday, Oct 21	10 – Preaching in Judea and Samaria
Sunday, Oct 25	11 – Preaching to Gentiles
Wednesday, Oct 28	12 – Peter's Sufferings
Sunday, Nov 1	13 – Peter on Suffering and False Teaching

## Lesson 10

### Preaching in Judea and Samaria

#### Objectives

- Name the two people Peter miraculously healed in Acts 9
- List 2 similarities and 1 difference between Jesus raising Jairus' daughter and Peter raising Dorcas

#### Introductory Notes

The persecution which began with the arrest and beating of the apostles rapidly escalated, resulting in the scattering of the church. Rather than destroying the church, the persecution only led to its proliferation. Those who fled from the persecution "went everywhere preaching the word."

#### Text Questions

1. The Gospel in Samaria, **Acts 8:1-25**
  - a. What did the apostles do when the church was scattered?
  - b. Who was Philip?
  - c. What success did Philip have in Samaria?
  - d. What kind of influence were the Samaritans under before Philip came?
  - e. Why did the people forsake Simon and believe Philip?
  - f. What effect did this have on Simon?
  - g. When the apostles heard of events in Samaria, what did they do?
  - h. What two things did Peter and John do (vv.15,17)?
  - i. Why did Philip not do this?
  - f. What did Simon try to buy?
  - g. What was Simon's problem?
  - h. What two things did Peter say he must do?
  - j. What did Peter and John do as they returned to Jerusalem?
2. Peter's Visitor, **Galatians 1:15-19**
  - a. Acts 9 tells of the conversion of Saul, the persecutor, in Damascus. After some time in Arabia, Saul returned to Damascus and then made his way to Jerusalem.
  - b. Whom did Saul visit in Jerusalem? How long did he stay?
  - c. What Saul learn or receive from Peter (**Galatians 1:11-12**)?

### 3. Peter Evangelizing, **Acts 9:31-43**

- a. What accounts for the peace which descended on the church throughout all Judea, Galilee and Samaria?
- b. Where had Peter been when he came to Lydda?
- c. Whom did Peter heal in Lydda?
- d. Why was Peter called to Joppa? Learn what you can about Joppa.
- e. Describe Dorcas (Tabitha).
- f. What did Peter find when he arrived in Joppa?
- g. How did Peter proceed?
- h. What did Peter accomplish by God's power?
- i. Whom did he call to witness what was done?
- j. What was the result throughout all Joppa?
- k. Where did Peter abide?
- l. What was the man's occupation? Might this explain the location of his house?

### **Thought Questions**

1. Why do you think the apostles chose Peter and John to go to the Samaritans?
2. How do you think the apostles' power to confer the miraculous gifts of the Holy Spirit relates to their commission to preach the gospel? Explain your answer.