

Small Group Questions

October 4, 2020

Read Acts 7:59-8:3...9:1-9

1. When you think of someone who is evil, mean, wicked and scary. Who comes to mind for you?
 - What about them makes them so evil to you?
2. We read that Saul was ravaging the church. That he wanted to right to hunt down those who were part of 'The Way'
 - Why do you believe Saul was so passionate to persecute the Christians?
 - Does having the 'right motive' always make something the 'right thing' to do?
3. What do you think surprised Paul more, that it was Jesus who was talking to him on the road to Damascus, or that Jesus said Paul was persecuting him?
 - Why would this have surprised Paul?
4. How do you think Paul felt after hearing Jesus say this?
5. Have you ever had your point of view changed dramatically by listening to someone or hearing something that was different to what you had always thought?
 - How difficult is it to have your point of view changed?
 - How did changing your view effect how you felt about that issue?
6. Paul's whole world was turned upside down. Everything he had believed was completely changed.
 - How difficult do you think it would have been for him to change his actions?
 - How would this have affected his life and his relationships?
7. How do you think Paul was feeling as he sat and prayed for 3 days?
 - How do you think he felt when Ananias called him 'brother'?
8. How would you have felt if you were Ananias?
 - Do you think you could have called Paul 'brother' after all he had done?
9. Think about the person you thought of in question #1
 - if you had to meet them and you heard they had changed their view and were now professing to be a follower of Jesus
 - Do you think you could accept them and call them 'brother' as Ananias did?
 - Why do we struggle so much to believe people can change so dramatically?

Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-10

10. What was so significant of Paul's conversion?
 - Why did Luke repeat it 3x in the book of Acts?

11. Why do you think Paul took time to list those Jesus appeared to when writing to the church in Corinth?

-What do you think he was trying to point out?

12. What is Paul trying to make abundantly clear about the Gospel in these verses?

13. We read about Paul and all he accomplished for the Kingdom of God in his lifetime. When he says he was the least likely choice for God to choose, we often scoff at that, knowing he accomplished so much. Yet it was true, as the lead persecutor of the church, he really was the least likely choice.

-Why do so many of us often feel like we are the least likely choice for God to use?

-How does reading Paul's story change your view?