

Community Group Questions

Acts 9:1-22

1. Read Acts 9:1-22. What did you find most helpful, encouraging, or challenging from this week's passage and message?
2. What is the most dramatic change of heart or change of mind you have experienced? What happened? What led to the change? How did people around respond?
3. Acts 8 and 9 each contain a story of someone converted on the road to somewhere? In what ways are the two stories different? In what ways are they similar? What do these two stories teach us about the grace of God?
4. How do you respond to the idea that God's grace isn't necessarily soft or that it can sometimes be described as "a severe mercy"? Have you had any experience with that?
5. This story of Paul's call is similar to lots of the call stories of God's prophets. In many of them there is an aspect of their suffering or a statement that their message won't necessarily be well received (See Jeremiah 1:4-8; Ezekiel 2:7). What do you think we are supposed to learn from that?
6. So many of our testimonies end with our conversion or the point in time in which we came to understand the gospel. Why is it so important to remember that we weren't just saved from something, but saved for something?
7. Read Mark 5:19. Who comes to mind when you think about who you can tell how much the Lord has done for you and how he has had mercy on you?