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The Road to Salvation/ Conversion of the Apostle Paul- Acts 9:1-31

OUR NEED FOR SPIRITUAL TRANSFORMATION (METAMORPHOSIS)

THE ROAD TO SALVATION

- 1 Your _____ (Acts 7:57-58; 8:1a; 9:1-2; also see 2 Peter 3:9; Proverbs 14:12 & 16:25)

PRINCIPLE #1: God can & does use your _____
_____ to lead you to Himself.

- Acts 4:12 - *Salvation is found in no one else (but Jesus Christ), for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.*

- 2 _____ Christ (Acts 9:3-7)

- 3 _____ & _____ (Acts 9:6, 8-9)

PRINCIPLE #2: God is willing to take _____
_____ to get your attention!

- 4 _____ (1 Timothy 1:15-16; Mark 1:15; Acts 20:21; 1 John 1:9)

- 5 _____ of faith / Conversion (Acts 9:10-19)

- Note the Order: Repentance → Confession of Faith in Christ
→ Conversion → Reception of the Holy Spirit → Baptism

- Romans 10:9 - *If you declare (confess) with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.*

PRAYER OF SALVATION: *Dear Heavenly Father... I am a sinner in need of a Savior. I am so sorry for all the ways I have hurt & offended You through flagrant disobedience or even sinning through ignorance. Have mercy on me! You lovingly sent Your Son Jesus into the world to die for me & provide for my forgiveness, cleansing & salvation. Lord Jesus, I believe you raised from the dead & I am crossing the line of faith with You. I receive You as Lord & Savior into my life right now. Please save me & give me the miracle of spiritual transformation. Thank You. Amen.*

- If you just crossed the line of faith with Christ today, please text the word "surrendered" to 888111

- 6 New _____ (Acts 1:8; 9:15)

- 7 _____ life (Acts 9:19b-25; 28-29)

PRINCIPLE #3: True conversion does not lead to being satisfied with going to heaven alone... but rather _____
with you!

LifeGroup Questions - Doing Life Together

Week of Week of Week of Oct 25-31, 2020

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PRAYER

Take a few moments to check in with your group to see how everyone is doing, then ask God to guide your time together.

MY STORY

Have you ever experienced someone who got really angry when you brought up your Christian faith? What happened?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. What teaching from Sunday's sermon really caught your attention? Why?
2. **Read Acts 9:1-2.** Why do you think Saul was so angry about the spread of Christianity and what did he do to try to stop it?
3. **Read Acts 9:3-9.** In your own words, briefly summarize what happened in this passage. Why do you think God had Saul remain blind for three days, and why do you think Saul ate and drank nothing during that time?
4. **Read Acts 9:10-16.** How big a step of faith do you think it was for Ananias to obey God and go talk to Saul on God's behalf? Share your thoughts. Many times in human relationships we want things safe and comfortable. Has God ever called you to come out of your comfort zone to do something for Him that seemed risky at the time? Explain.

5. **Read Acts 9:17-19a.** Summarize the amazing sequence of events that occur in these verses because of Ananias' faithful obedience to the Lord Jesus Christ.
6. **Read Acts 9:19b-22.** What happened in these verses that made it clear Saul had a genuine conversion (spiritual transformation) experience? How did your life change when you gave your life to Christ?

DIGGING EVEN DEEPER

7. **Read Acts 9:23-31.** In these verses the "persecutor" becomes the "persecuted." Why do you think the Jewish people were so enraged with Paul's spiritual transformation?
8. **Reread Acts 9:26-27.** Talk about how difficult it would have been for these believers to fully accept a person who had previously treated them so violently.

TAKING IT HOME

9. The theme of this message was spiritual transformation (conversion) through faith in Christ. What evidence is there in your life right now that you have truly experienced this kind of transformation?

PRAYING TOGETHER

Share prayer needs and pray for the members of your group. Pray and ask God for boldness in sharing with others.