

**Notes:**

**1. Read Acts 8:1-3, 9:1-2**

Consider the description of Paul's actions before his encounter with Christ. How does the reality that God transformed Paul so completely impact the way you think about what He can do or has done in your own life?

Paul must have wrestled deeply with the pain and regret of his before-Christ life of persecuting and killing those who followed Jesus. And yet, once Paul surrendered to Christ, God used him in incredible ways to advance the gospel. Regardless of your story, God uses all who surrender their lives to Him, to spread the good news of redemption and restoration. What regrets, hang-ups, or hurts do you need to let go of in order to more fully pursue God's plan and purpose for your life?

Paul completely changed direction after he encountered Christ. What kind of turnaround have you experienced in your life? Is there anything you need to turn from, or something new God is calling you to turn toward?

**2. Read Acts 22:1-21 and Philippians 3:5-10.**

What is it about Paul's life and experience that gives him the credibility to discuss faith in Jesus? What made Paul uniquely suited to spread the truth of the gospel – the new covenant – to both Jews and Gentiles?

**3. Read Mark 12:30-31, Philippians 2:5-8, and Ephesians 4:32 & 5:1-2.**

Because of Jesus' new covenant command, what should be your primary focus as you live your life? How are you doing on this currently? In what area do you need to make a change? In what practical ways will you live out Mark 12:30-31 this week?

**4. Read 1 Corinthians 15:1, 3-7.**

Paul authenticates the most important event recorded in the Bible – the resurrection of Jesus. What important details are recorded here about the events immediately following the resurrection? What is the most comforting or encouraging part of this passage for you?