



Study + Discussion Sheets

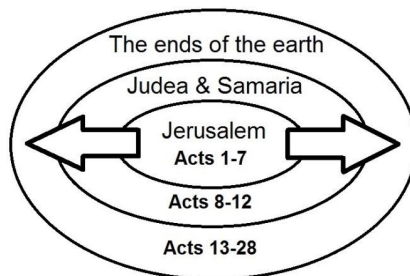
[For the Week of August 23rd - 29th]

“Jesus + PAUL”

Dig deeper into Sunday's message with our study + discussion questions based on Acts 9 and the August 23, 2015 sermon, **Jesus + Paul** which is Part 12 of our *Encountering Jesus* teaching series...

Understanding the context of the Book of Acts:

- Read and consider Acts 1:8? How does it relate to the structure of the Acts narrative? How is Saul's/ Paul's role instrumental in this movement?



READ ACTS 9:1-19

1. Review what you know about Saul/Paul (7:58—8:3). What further insights do you get about him from 9:1-2?
2. Paul was being groomed in the world of a Hebrew Pharisee. It was what he knew inside and out. Pharisees were staunch scholars of the Scriptures. They studied them in depth and the knew the text extremely well. Yet they failed to recognize their own Messiah when He arrived. What might have led to their blindness as a group/movement?
3. What is your background and experience (religious-wise)? Do you think your Christian “upbringing” might have effected the way you see or don’t see the Messiah?
4. What were Ananias' concerns and how did Jesus answer him? (9:13-16) Do you ever have concerns about the things the Lord calls you to do?
5. As you consider Paul's conversion and Ananias paradigm shift, from fearing Paul to accepting him as a “brother” (vs. 17), who do you identify more with and why?
6. What does Saul's conversion teach us about those in our lives who are most likely not to believe?

ASSIGNMENT FOR THE WEEK:

Consider the people in your life who are most antagonistic to Christianity. How might God use you to bring them to Christ? Pray for the salvation of someone you consider an unlikely convert. Ask God to increase your faith for this person.

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