

This Changes Everything: Part 3

My Story Transformed: Acts 9

Big Idea: Followers of Jesus are comeback people because Jesus has the greatest comeback in all of history! A prime example is the Apostle Paul, who once was a persecutor of the Church, but became one of Christianity's greatest contributors.

Two characteristics of misplaced zeal:

1. _____
- James 1:19-20
-Ephesians 4:26-31
2. _____
- Galatians 1:13-14
-Philippians 3:6

Paul's comeback comes through:

1. _____
-Philippians 3:7-11.
2. _____

Application:

As Christians our greatest pride does not come from never being broken but acknowledging the One who puts us back together.

Life Group Questions

This week, before you go to your Life Group:

Commit to reading through the Book of Acts over the next month. Last week we read Acts 6-10. This week read Acts 11-15. What are some of the things you learned by reading this section? Make some notes of questions, observations and key themes!

Life Group Discussion Questions:

Read the story of Paul's encounter with Jesus in Acts 9:1-19. What questions do you have about this passage? What do you think are the key themes and main message of this section?

Paul was so concerned with protecting what he thought it was right that he acted in anger and violence. What are some of the things that make you angry? Do you think that anger is justified? Why or why not? What does James 1:19-20 and Ephesians 4:26-31 say about how we should handle our anger?

Read Philippians 3:3-11 and reflect on how Paul explains the change that happened in his life. What was his focus before Christ (verses 4-6) and after he met Christ (verses 7-11). In your own words, explain the contrast that Paul is making.

What can we learn from Paul's drastic transformation? Have you ever experienced God transforming you in certain areas of your life? Share your experiences with the group, and talk about how we can grow in our dependence of the Holy Spirit to allow God to continually change us.