

FOR SMALL GROUPS OR PERSONAL STUDY

Welcome! Today, we are continuing in our message series: ***Exploring the Book of Acts***. In this study of early Church history, you will be enlightened and encouraged by the power of the gospel as it spread throughout the world and transformed lives.

READ: Acts 9

Take a few minutes and talk about the importance of the RESURRECTION of JESUS, from both a theological and historical perspective? What are we missing without the Resurrection of Jesus?

In this lesson we learned: The _____ of the gospel did not come with out _____.

- What did that look like in the first century?
- What does that sometimes look like today?

TWO IMPORTANT LESSONS FROM SAUL'S STORY:

LESSON 1: The gospel is not out of reach for _____.

How would you describe Saul's mentality in the early years of his life?

Why did Saul go after Christian in Damacus? What did you learn about his sincerity?

What truth was Saul of Tarsus confronted with?

LESSON 2: The gospel is necessary for _____.

Take a few minutes (search the Scriptures) and talk about the advantages that Saul of Tarsus grew up with. Did you grow up with any similar (modern day) advantages?

What was the reckoning? _____

Talk about the following statements made by Paul and what they mean:

- I am chief sinners = _____
- I was chief among the righteous = _____

What did Saul have to do with those two things, in order to experience a transformed life? What does that tell us?