

Series: The Church Has Left the Building

Sermon: The Effects of the Kingdom

Primary Text: Acts 9

Discussion Guide:

- Read 2 Corinthians 3:18; 5:17 and Romans 12:2
 - What are these verses saying?
 - What is God transforming us into? How?
- Read Acts 9:1-2.
 - Why was Paul so passionate about persecuting the church? (See Acts 8:1-3)
 - Why does the world regularly react with hostility to Christianity? (see John 7:7)
- Read Acts 9:3-9.
 - What is the one question Jesus asks?
 - Why does Jesus ask this?
 - What does this tell you about how you should approach sin in your life?
 - Why do you think Jesus struck Saul blind?
- Read Acts 9:10-16.
 - Why doesn't Ananias want to go to Saul?
 - How is Ananias like Moses (see Exodus 4), Jonah (see Jonah 1), and Jesus (see Mark 14:32-42)
 - What does this tell you about following Jesus?
- Read Acts 9:17-20.
 - What did Saul do immediately after his sight is restored?
 - Why is this significant?
- Read Acts 9:23-25, 29-30.
 - Why did Saul flee? Was this a lack of faith?
- Read Acts 9:26-28.
 - Why were the apostles afraid?
 - Why did they change their mind?
 - What do we learn from this about forgiveness and second shots and the Gospels ability to change us?
- Read Acts 9:31.
 - Why was there comfort and growth in the church?