

## **Surviving the End of Everything (Sort of) – Week 3**

Start your group by taking some time to do the spiritual practice of listening prayer. Listen to a passage of scripture read by someone in your group and listen for a word or phrase to light up. Then let that word or phrase set the agenda for your prayer for the next 5-10 minutes.

We're now in week 8 of Church on the Couch and week 3 of our series Surviving the End of Everything (Sort of). This new style of church may be going on longer than most of us initially thought it might go and we're all dealing with being apart from each other differently. Even though there is a lot of pressures that we are feeling, this is still a great time for God to work on us. We need to allow time for us look introspectively and see why we are reacting to this challenge in a certain way. We need to allow time to sit in God's presence and listen to what the Holy Spirit has to tell us. When we come out of this time of isolation, what will be your story? Will you be passionate and convicted about telling others about what God has changed in you?

### **Discussion Questions:**

#### **Read Acts 26:1-18, 24-29**

- Paul told his story with passion and conviction despite knowing that his life was in the hands of those he was talking to. This same passion and conviction can be within us when we get the opportunity to talk to others about what God has done in our lives. How do you think others might react when you tell your story with conviction about this time?
- What are you convinced and convicted about that you would not water it down when telling others? How will you react when others who disagree with your story push back against you?
- David wrote a lot of Psalms while on the run from King Saul. God spoke to him during his time on the run and helped develop David's heart for him. What do you think God may do during this time of restraint in your life?
- Now is a great time to tell your story so far. What have you learned? What has changed in you? Tell the group if you can or share your story with a close friend this week.