

# THE GOSPEL AND CHANGE

## Acts 9:1-20

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No amount of past sin or current struggles can keep you from God's grace.

### **Gospel change is an encounter with the living Jesus. (9:3-5)**

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### **Gospel change is a personal process. (9:6-9)**

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With Jesus • With Ourselves. • With Others  
*When gospel change happens, forgiveness follows.*

### **Gospel change will keep changing you. (9:18-20)**

What in your life needs to be "converted" by the gospel today?

## Discussion Guide

### **Open Up**

- When the morning alarm goes off, do you wake up right away or are you a "snoozer?"
- Share your conversion story.
- Why do you think some people have a more dramatic conversion story than others?

### **Dig In**

- What do the following passages say about conversion and change: Ezekiel 36:26-27; John 3:3-6; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Ephesians 4:22-24?
- Skim Galatians 1:11-24 (Paul's description of his conversion story). Who does Paul see as the one who caused him to change according to verses 15-16?
- How do you think Ananias felt when God called him to go to Saul?
- Why do you think Ananias responded the way that he did to God's call?

### **Live Out**

- Is there an area of your life in which you need to see gospel change?
- Is there someone in your places or spaces that seems highly unlikely to ever be changed by the gospel?
- Take some time to PRAY for the change needed in your group and in those unlikely to change.

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