

Connect Group Guide: “Head, Heart, Hands”



Passage: Acts 9:19-31

Sermon Link: [▶ Head, Heart, Hands | Acts: Part 14](#)

Welcome:

(Choose a question for your group to discuss)

- Do you think knowledge alone has the power to change someone? Why/why not?
- How did your behaviour(s) change after encountering Jesus?
- The furthest distance someone has to travel is from their head to their heart. Discuss what this means to you...

Worship:

(You may choose to use YouTube or other mediums to facilitate your time of worship)

- [▶ Hillsong - I Surrender \(with lyrics\)](#)

Word:

(Discuss these questions in your group, encourage everyone to take part)

Before reading the scripture:

- What is the difference between knowing *about* Jesus and *knowing* Jesus?
- Why do you think it is detrimental to try and change people's behaviour before they have had an encounter with Jesus?

Read: Acts 9:19-31

- Why is it important for head knowledge to translate into heart convictions?
Where do actions fit into this picture?

- After encountering Jesus, Paul's life changed; not only did his heart conviction change, but what he **did** changed. How has your conviction about who Jesus is impacted your actions?
- Paul knew that God had given him the opportunity to preach in the synagogues. How can we know where God has given us opportunities to minister to people? Are you currently taking those opportunities?
- Paul continued preaching in Damascus for 3 years and beyond - He was persistent in doing what he believed God had called him to do. Where is God calling you to be faithful and persistent in the way you present Jesus with your actions and your words?
- Why do you think persecution did not stop Paul from preaching Jesus?
- Information in our heads needs to become convictions in our hearts before it can become actions with our hands. Discuss...

Works:

(Take some time for personal reflecting on the following questions and then share back with the group)

- In what way is God calling you to action?
- Where is God giving you an opportunity to speak about Jesus?
- What does it look like to speak the hope of Jesus where you spend the most time in your week?

Closing:

(Remember to ask for prayer requests.)

- Pray that we may first know Jesus, that we may encounter him in our lives, that His love may change our hearts and influence our actions. Pray for courage to boldly step into the God-given opportunities that we may lead others to encounter Christ.

