



## BIG IDEA

*“Ultimately your story is part of God’s story. For his story is what we call history, and all of it is about him. And our calling, yours and mine individually, come together corporately as a body, as a family, as a congregation, what we call a church. Where all of our stories come together as one as part of his story. The greatest story ever written, one that has no ending for God’s story will continue for all eternity with all who have responded to his call.”*

## THOUGHTS FROM THE SERMON

1. How were you impacted by the message this week?
2. How did hearing others’ stories help you see the value of your story?  
Read: Acts 22:30-23:11
3. In what ways can your story of salvation help other Christians and non-Christians alike?
4. How is your story God’s story? Why should you always be ready to share your testimony?  
Read: Acts 22:3-5, Galatians 1:13-14, 1 Corinthians 15:1-9, 1 Timothy 1:15
5. Why did Paul want his listener to know his back story or his history in the faith? Why is it important for us to tell our story historically?
6. Take time and share how you have seen God working this week in your life or the life of others.  
Read: Acts 22:6-16, Galatians 1:15-16b, 1 Corinthians 15:10, 1 Timothy 1:12-17
7. What was Paul’s theological framework for salvation? How does Paul describe his salvation in his other writings?
8. What is your salvation story? How did your encounter with Jesus take place? Share your story with your Life Group.

## NOTES

## PERSONAL REFLECTION AND APPLICATION

1. How were you personally challenged this week?
2. How have you seen God at work in your life or the lives of others this week?
3. Who in your life needs to hear your story? What keeps you from sharing your story?
4. How will you personally apply what you learned from the sermon to your life?
5. How can your group hold you accountable this week? How can they encourage you?

## DEEPER

**Pray:** This week, pray for the opportunity to share your story with someone who needs hope this week.

**Read:** Acts 22:30-23:11, Acts 22:3-5, Galatians 1:13-14, 1 Corinthians 15:1-9, 1 Timothy 1:15, Acts 22:6-16, Galatians 1:15-16b, 1 Corinthians 15:10, 1 Timothy 1:12-17. Take time to reflect on these passages and write down your thoughts. Visit [gatewayepc.org/news](http://gatewayepc.org/news) to read and review the sermon manuscript.

**Write:** Write down your thoughts and insights from the sermon this week. Keeping a journal is just one more tool that you can use to track what God is showing you in your walk with him.

**Sing:** Listen to the worship songs from Sunday throughout the week. Look up the lyrics to each song and spend some time reading them.

**Memorize:** As a Life Group, pick a few verses from the sermon and memorize them this week. (Acts 22:30-23:11, Acts 22:3-5, Galatians 1:13-14, 1 Corinthians 15:1-9, 1 Timothy 1:15, Acts 22:6-16, Galatians 1:15-16b, 1 Corinthians 15:10, 1 Timothy 1:12-17)

**Love:** How can your group show the love of Christ in your group, church, and community this week?