

Participating in the Good News Mission

Unstoppable Week 9

Acts Chapters 9

Acts 9:1-2

- “Meanwhile, Saul was uttering threats with every breath and was eager to kill the Lord’s followers...”

Acts 9:1-2

- So he went to the high priest. He requested letters addressed to the synagogues in Damascus, asking for their cooperation in the arrest of any followers of the Way he found there...

Acts 9:1-2

- He wanted to bring them- both men and women- back to Jerusalem in chains.”

Converted

- “As he was approaching Damascus on this mission, a light from heaven suddenly shone down around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, ‘Saul, Saul! Why are you persecuting me?’”

Converted

- 5 “Who are you, lord?” Saul asked. And the voice replied, “I am Jesus, the one you are persecuting! 6 Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.””

Paul's Ministry

1. Jesus commissioned him to reach Gentiles and kings in Acts 9:15. Then Jesus gave him direct instruction in the Arabian desert outside Damascus (Gal. 1:17).

Paul's Ministry

2. He wrote 13 letters in the New Testament, many of which were written to churches he founded (likely more than 20).

Paul's Ministry

3. He explained righteousness apart from the Law of Moses by faith in Jesus alone. (See Romans 4:1-8)

Paul's 2 Main Ideas

1. Salvation is given only to those who put their faith in Christ as Savior
(Galatians 2:16)

Paul's 2 Main Ideas

2. Every part of a believer's life is to be devoted to serving Christ as Lord
(Romans 14:7-9)

The Main Idea for Us

- All of our stories are about a turnaround- we are all turning away from sin to faith in Jesus continuously. Your story may be more or less dramatic than Saul/Paul's, but it is essentially the same story.

The Main Idea for Us

- Our purpose is the same as Paul's! The "how's, when's and what's" may be different, but the "Why" is the same— to advance this Good News Mission of Jesus Christ.

The Main Idea for Us

1. Are you converted to Christ? Not just cohabitation with Jesus for a trial run but all-in?!
2. Are you responding to what Jesus is saying to you in the Bible? You will be told what you must do!
3. Are you participating in the mission? Have you placed your story into the larger story of God's plan to get this Good News out?

The Main Idea for Us

- How am I participating in this Good News Mission of Jesus? Some are opening homes for fellowships, some are leading Good News clubs, some are planting churches in Tijuana, some are doing administrative tasks and leading events, others are leading kids to Christ!