

Paul's Mission

1. Jesus' work is done.

- He died for the sins of men. It is finished.
- He showed us what maturity looks like.
- He made disciples, messengers.
- He sent the Holy Spirit to empower the messengers.

2. Saul is converted.

- Saul introduced. Stephen plants a seed.
- Saul persecutes the church. (*Acts 9*)
- Saul, Saul why do you persecute me? **The church is the body of Christ.**
- **God uses believers to share the message.** Ananias baptizes Saul/Paul.
- **Suffering for Jesus is a part of being a Christian.**
- The Christians in Damascus sneak him out of the town.
- Later Barnabas brings Paul to the disciples.
- Paul set apart for the ministry.
- *Acts 7:57-58; 8:1-3; 9:4-7; 9:15.*
- *Matthew 16:24-27.*

3. Saul/Paul's ministry.

A. Paul's desire was to bring glory to Jesus not himself.

B. Paul's job was to give the message of Jesus. The good news.

- Why don't people share their faith?
- They don't understand the reality being lost or saved. Only two categories.
- They don't feel they have anything others really need. They are not living a resurrected life.
- Fear of rejection.
- Not sure how.

C. Paul's job was to be persistent even in the face of opposition.

- Why do people quit when it gets tough?
- They don't understand the world we are in. A war is going on.
- They have not matured.
- They believe God doesn't care or can't use what seems like failures.
- *Acts 14:8-20.*

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