



HEART

8. Saul was severely persecuted for his outspoken evangelism. How does the fear of persecution hinder evangelism in your everyday life (see Luke 12:4–7)?

9. In one word, describe how it feels to know that God wants to use you to help build His church?



HANDS

10. Ananias and Barnabas each play important roles in discipling Paul. Who in your life could you take the time to disciple? What role do you see yourself playing in this discipling relationship?
11. Immediately after Saul's conversion, the Lord gave him commands to obey. What are some of the works that God had prepared beforehand for Saul to 'walk in' (see Ephesians 2:10), and what are some works that you can 'walk in'?



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Notes:

1. Multiple Expressions of _____
2. Repeated Attempts of _____
3. Persistent Demonstrations of _____



BIG IDEA OF SUNDAY'S SERMON

While God is building His church, we are privileged to join Him and to be a part of what He is doing.

QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH

- * Describe an incident in your past when you met someone for the first time that made you feel intimidated and/or uncomfortable? Was your first impression wrong? What did it take for you to reach that conclusion?



Read Acts 9:19-31

1. From the text itself, what did you hear/learn that you did not know before this weekend?
2. Saul's last words before his conversion were, "Who are you Lord?" Saul's first words after his conversion were, "Jesus is the Son of God?" Explain the significance of such a change in his worldview.
3. What would the crowd have expected Saul to say when he came to the synagogue? When he proceeded to preach about Christ, how did they react (v. 23)? Why do you think some of the people were upset by Saul's preaching?
4. Compare the life and ministry of Saul in Acts 9 with Jesus' life and ministry. What similarities and what differences do you see? What can we learn from these?
5. Knowing what we do about Barnabas from Acts 4:36-37, why was he willing to stand up for Saul? What was he risking by doing so?
6. In the message, Pastor Brian said, "God never saved us to put us on a deserted island. Yet, so many believers live this way and then wonder why there is no growth or why they feel like an outsider." What does this mean, and what steps can you take to prevent this from happening in your church life?
7. Consider the fact that according to verse 31, "The church is one community with three regions in view." How should it affect our understanding of the church? What are the implications of this truth for NorthPoint?