



HEART

- Over the past few decades, the church has suffered persecution to the extent that more people have been martyred for Christ than the previous 2000 years combined. Persecution aimed at the church is ultimately aimed at Christ. What does it say about our attitude when we pray for deliverance and comfort? How can we learn to identify with Christ in His sufferings? (read Philippians 3:8-11)
- How would it feel for you to be “tagged” as Ananias was for a seemingly impossible task? Why?



HANDS

- Think of someone you consider to be “unlovable.” How can you show Christ’s love to them? What attitudes need to change towards this individual to align with Christ’s love for the lost?
- How would you describe your conversion testimony? What aspects would you highlight when evangelizing a friend or neighbor?



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Notes:

- Passion for His _____
- Grace for the _____
- Love for the _____



BIG IDEA OF SUNDAY’S SERMON

The purposes of God in reaching the world surpass our understanding and our limited scope.

QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH

*Over time, what is something on which your views have radically changed? (I.e.- political affiliations, how to raise kids, the role of the church, etc.) Who or what was influential in this transformation?



Read Acts 9:1-17

1. From the text itself, what did you hear/learn that you did not know before this weekend?
2. Why do you think Saul was struck blind? What might God have been trying to teach him through blindness?
3. What do Jesus' statements to Paul reveal about his close identification with His followers?
4. Why did the Lord send Ananias to Saul to restore his sight? Why didn't the Lord restore Saul's sight without Ananias's involvement? What does this tell us about how God desires for spiritual growth to happen?
5. How do you think Ananias must have felt when the Lord asked him to go take care of Saul? What does Ananias' response to Jesus' directions reveal about his own life and obedience?
6. In his message, Pastor Brian spoke of two ways that we see grace for the individual. What were they and why is each significant?
7. Read verse 15. What were the three specific people or groups mentioned as part of Saul's commission? What is noteworthy about each of these?