

WEEK 8- ELEMENTS OF CONVERSION

Acts 9:1-19

MAIN IDEAS FROM THIS WEEK

1. CONVERSION INVOLVES A COLLISION WITH A GOD YOU DIDN'T CREATE
2. CONVERSION INVOLVES A DARKNESS DESIGNED TO HELP YOU SEE
3. CONVERSION INVOLVES AN EMBRACE THAT BRINGS YOU HOME

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS – Pick one or two of these to talk about as a group

1. What part of this past Sunday's teaching stood out most to you? Why?
2. What comes to your mind when you hear the word "conversion"? What is conversion and why is it important?
3. Conversion stories are incredibly diverse. Some are dramatic while others take place over a long period of time. Do you have a conversion story? Would you mind sharing it?
4. One of the main ideas this week was that conversion involves a collision with a God you didn't create. What are some assumptions you used to have about God that you no longer believe? What changed your mind? How do you know your current beliefs about God are true?
5. A God of our own imagination will never be able to confront or comfort us. Describe a time when God confronted you. Describe a time when God comforted you.
6. Have you ever experienced a period of "darkness" where you came face to face with your need for a savior? What was that like for you?
7. Three "results" of a true conversion are 1) intimacy with God, 2) a desire for community and 3) a life marked by sacrifice. Do you see any of these same results in your life? What do you do when you have doubts about your conversion?
8. The early Christians would have viewed Saul as one of the most unlikely people to ever become a follower of Jesus. Hence all the initial doubt they had about his conversion being genuine (Acts 9:26). What amazes you most about Saul's conversion? Who could you be praying for that you've previously written off as beyond hope of coming to know Jesus?