

Sermon Discussion Guide - The Resurrection - Redirects Our Lives

Acts 9:1-19

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When have you experienced a moment that completely redirected your life—something you didn't plan or expect?

“The resurrection changes everything... not just for the individual, but for the community that surrounds them.”

- Why do we often reduce faith to a private, personal experience?
- Where have you seen God change not just a person—but a whole group or community?

“The strong, confident leader is suddenly dependent—completely vulnerable.”

- Why is his blindness such an important part of the story?
- How are Saul's companions affected by what happens?
- When have you experienced a loss of control that forced you to rely on others?
- How might God use disruption or uncertainty to redirect your life?

“That is what discipleship is... hearing God and going—even when it's uncertain and risky.”

- What does this story teach us about obedience?
- Where might God be asking you to go, even though it feels uncomfortable or risky?
- What is holding you back from saying “yes”?

“Paul's conversion is actually a community conversion... it pulls in friends, enemies, bystanders, and believers.”

- Who are all the people impacted by Saul's conversion?
- Why is it significant that Ananias calls him “**Brother Saul**”?
- How might God want to change *our church* through the people He brings to us?

“The story isn't just about Saul's blindness... it's about Ananias—and the church—learning to see.”

- Why is it hard to see people as who they *could become* instead of who they've been?

- What does it look like to trust what God is doing in someone's life before it's visible?
- Who is someone you struggle to see differently?

From the Sermon "They make me a little nervous... because I can't control what comes next."

- What stood out to you from the story about building relationships across faith differences?
- Why is relationship and respect important, even when beliefs are different?
- What did you hear about the youth ministry vision that might stretch our church?
- Where do you feel both excitement *and* nervousness about what God might be doing?

"To a room full of Ananiases... are we ready to call Saul our brother?"

- Who is the "Saul" in your life right now?

Romans 4:17: God "gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not."