



Oakwood

CHURCH

January 3 Discussion Questions

“Called”

Acts 9:1-22

Preview

“But the Lord said to him, ‘Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel.’” Acts 9:15

How Jesus calls you:

1. Jesus **Confronts** your sins against Him (v. 3-4; Matt. 25:40,46)
2. Jesus **Commands** your total surrender to Him (v. 3-4,6,15-16)
3. Jesus **Commissions** you to serve Him (v. 11,15-17; 26:19-20)

“But rise and stand upon your feet, for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you as a servant and witness to the things in which you have seen me and to those in which I will appear to you, delivering you from your people and from the Gentiles—to whom I am sending you to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.” Acts 26:16-18

Connect

1. What was a highlight of your Christmas and New Year?
2. Was there a particular passage of the Bible or Truth about Jesus that impacted you this Christmas?

3. What comes to your mind as you consider a new year? (i.e. What plans do you have? What new disciplines do you want to cultivate? What do you want to see God do in 2021?)

Read Acts 9:1-22

Discuss

4. What do we learn about Paul before he was confronted by Jesus?
5. What did Jesus say first to Paul? What does this say about the sins we commit against other people?
6. How did Jesus call you to Himself? Do you recall any specific things He called you to let go of or change?
7. What do we learn about God considering He saved someone like Paul? What does this mean to you personally? Does this change your perspective on certain people who seem too far gone from the Gospel?
8. What did Paul immediately do in v.20? What does this communicate about when we are ready to evangelize? Why do we often wait? Are these reasons legitimate?
9. What stood out to you from the life of Charles Spurgeon? What obstacles did he face? What role does suffering play in our fulfillment of God's calling on our lives?

Apply

10. What specific calls do you believe God has placed on your life?
11. What can you do to increase your commitment to these specific calls?

Missional Check-In

12. Who are you praying comes to know Jesus in 2021? What kind of relationship do you have with this person?
13. What place in your life has the most potential for missional impact? Why? What adjustments do you need to make in order to be more intentionally invested missionally here?

Pray

Pray for each person to grow in their faith in 2021. Pray also for the people you named who don't know the Lord.

Church-Wide Prayer Focus, from the Prayer Team

Personal Prayer Focus: Pray God would use Oakwood as His "chosen instrument" to spread the Gospel in the Tampa Bay area.