



DISCUSSION GUIDE

Find your For – In light of God [Acts 9, 16 and 26 & Phil 1]

GETTING STARTED

Reflecting on your week, what is one thing you are thankful for and one thing that needs prayer?

Share a little of your faith journey – what would you say was the “beginning” of your relationship with God?

QUICK REACTIONS FROM THE MESSAGE

- In what ways does being “for” something move us out into the world?
- Are there any people that you know, or Biblical characters you can point to, as being “for” something? How do you know?
- What traits do you typically associate with God? Have you grown more or less certain of those traits as you’ve grown in your faith?
- Have your views on God changed through the years?
- How would resting in God’s complete (and free) gift of salvation cause a person to move differently in the world vs. feeling they must earn their way to a relationship with God?
- Do you know what you are “for”? Do you know what you are against? Is this an easy question or a difficult one to answer? Has it changed for you through the years?
- Is there anything that is difficult for you to surrender to God?
- Romans 8:6 tells us that the mindset of the spirit is life and peace. In what way would operating in your “for” bring life and peace?

EXPLORE THE PASSAGES [Acts 9, 16 and 26, Phil 1]

- What are things your group already knows about Paul? In what ways did he demonstrate that he was “for”?
- When Paul recounts meeting Christ on his way to Damascus in Acts 26:14, Christ told him it was “hard to kick against the goads.” Goads are long rods with spikes to keep animals moving, which means that while Paul was persecuting the church, he was hurting himself. In what way? In what ways have you (or someone you know) “kicked against the goads” when it comes to your relationship with God?
- Based on Acts 16:15 and Acts 16:40, what do you think Lydia was “for”? In what way was her spirit of generosity continued in Philippians (Phil 4:14-16)?
- In Acts 16:7, Paul and his companions were unable to enter Bithynia because the “Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to.” Have you ever been redirected by the Spirit? How did the redirection turn out?

APPLY THE PASSAGE

What do we learn about God and about ourselves in this passage?

What do you need to stop, start or do differently as a result of reading this passage?

How can we pray for each other?