

MY NOTES

LET JESUS SPEAK...

- *How does God treat me in my sin?*
- *Could God Use...them? Me?*

WHAT GOD SAID TO A MURDERER?

SAUL OF TARSUS, THE APOSTLE PAUL

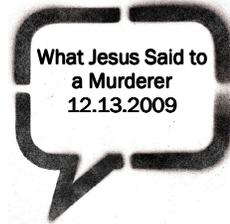
Philippians 3:4-7 (ESV) If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷ But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ

ACTS 9:1-31 – AN EARTH SHAKING, HISTORY ALTERING EVENT

A Change in Direction (verses 1-14)

A Chosen Instrument (verses 15-19)

A New Message (verses 19-22)



A New Mission (verse 23-31)

WHAT DO WE SEE HERE? WHAT DO WE SEE AND HEAR FROM JESUS?

- *Those God wants to use, he will use*
- *He uses us **together** to spread his message on his mission*
- *All circumstances of our lives, even before we are Christians, can be used by him*
- *Following Jesus, even through suffering, is better than life itself*

COMMUNITY MEDITATION

- Have you ever felt unworthy to receive God's grace and forgiveness? Unworthy to be used by Jesus in his mission? What does God using a murderous guy like Paul teach us?
- Jesus used many people in the story of Paul's conversion. Ananias and Barnabas stand out in the story. Discuss the following statement: *God uses both communities and individuals to do his work, but never individuals apart from his community.*
- Who are you serving with today to bring the gospel to others? How does your family, your missional community desire to live out the mission of Jesus? How is Paul's dedication, focus and sacrifice an example for us?
- What keeps us from taking risks for the gospel? Comfort? Convenience? A Disdain for Change? Unbelief? Distraction?
- Read Matthew 20:20-28 for next week—What Jesus Said to his Friends