

GROUPS DISCUSSION GUIDE

Get Into The Word



Week of Sunday June 29, 2025

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**Living out our God-given calling as
we follow Jesus and make
disciples every day.**

Introduction

Life's journey often takes us on roads we never expected to travel, much like Paul's transformative encounter on the road to Damascus. Adam French, in his powerful testimony, recounts his own path from darkness to redemption, illustrating that God meets us wherever we are, even in our resistance. This discussion will explore how God rescues and redeems us, not only for our own sake but so we can become a light for others. As we reflect on our own stories, let's consider how we can share our testimonies to impact those around us.

Disciple Measure

Force For Good: How has your testimony impacted those around you? Who is someone you could impact with your testimony?

Discussion Questions

Rescued From Me

HIGHLIGHT

Have someone read aloud...

Acts 26:12-18

EXPLAIN

Discuss the following questions...

Opening Question: What do you think is impactful about hearing someone’s testimony?

1. How does Paul describe his experience on the road to Damascus, and what can this teach us about the transformational power of encountering God?
2. What are other testimonies of individuals we see in Scripture, and how do those testimonies encourage you?
3. How does understanding our own need for rescue change the way we view and interact with others who are struggling?
4. What does the metaphor of “kicking against the goads” suggest about resisting God’s will, and how might this apply to our own lives today?

Have someone read aloud 1 Timothy 1:15-16.

5. What do Paul’s words to Timothy suggest about the power of testimony in the Christian faith?

Notes:

Discuss the following questions...

1. Reflect on a moment when you felt "rescued from yourself" by God. How can sharing this experience encourage someone else who might be going through a similar situation?
2. How can you use your personal story to reach out to someone who might be resistant to God's call in their life?
3. What holds you back from sharing your testimony more often?
4. How has someone else's testimony impacted you?

Force for Good: Write out your personal testimony using the format suggested in the sermon:

- How you were lost because of sin
- How you encountered Jesus and His sacrifice
- How God impacts your life today

Share your testimony with someone this week.

Thank God for His rescue and ask for courage to share your testimony and help rescue others.

Questions for Families

Here are some questions you can discuss with the whole family.

Acts 26:12-18

What does the story of Paul on the road to Damascus tell us about God?

For younger children, emphasize that God loves us and can help us change. Encourage older children to consider how God reaches out to us even when we are going in the wrong direction.

What does the story of Paul tell us about ourselves and how people can change?

Guide younger children to understand that everyone can make mistakes, but God can help us become better. For older children and teens, discuss how people can experience big changes in their lives when they turn to God, just like Paul did.

How can you share your testimony with your children to help them understand your faith?

For younger children, describe your story in simple terms, like telling about a special friendship you have with God and how He helped you during a difficult time. Use examples they can relate to. For older children, share more details about how your relationship with God has changed your life, and discuss why it's important to share these experiences so they can see the impact of faith in action.

NT 260

WEEK: 27

- Acts 27
- Acts 28
- Colossians 1
- Colossians 2
- Colossians 3

MEMORY VERSE: Matthew 6:7-8

Resources

Resources to Listen to

Sharing Your Faith With Other Religions With Lee Strobel



Join the GenSend Podcast and Lee Strobel as they delve into practical advice for [sharing our faith](#).
(52 min)

Resources to Watch

Bible Project Guide - The Book of Acts



See a collection of videos and articles to guide you through the book of [Acts](#).
(20 min)

Bible Project Guide - The Book of Colossians



See a collection of videos and articles to guide you through the book of [Colossians](#).
(20 min)

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Commentary

Notes:

What’s Going On?

In the passage used in this sermon, we find ourselves in the Book of Acts, specifically chapter 26. Acts is a book in the New Testament that tells us what happened after Jesus rose from the dead and went back to heaven. It focuses on how His followers spread the message of Jesus. In this chapter, we see Paul, one of the early church’s most important figures, in an intense moment. He is standing before King Agrippa and some other important people. What’s happening here is that Paul is on trial. They’re trying to decide whether he has done something wrong because he’s been sharing the message of Jesus. Instead of being scared or trying to defend himself like you might expect, Paul tells his incredible story.

He talks about his life before he met Jesus, how he was on his way to arrest Christians, and Jesus met him in a miraculous way on the road to Damascus. The bright light, the voice, everything – that changed his whole life. The point of this is to show that Paul’s life was turned upside down by Jesus, and now he’s using his story to tell others about Jesus, even when he’s in trouble. This is a powerful reminder of how a personal story can show the truth about Jesus.

Biblical Timeline



Notes:

A Bit of Background

Now, let's dive into some background of this story. At the time when Acts was written, around the first century, Rome was in charge of a huge part of the world, including Jerusalem. Paul, before he became a follower of Jesus, was known as Saul. He was really zealous about following Jewish laws and was actually working against the followers of Jesus. The Damascus Road experience was a turning point in his life. King Agrippa, who Paul is speaking to, is part of a line of rulers known as the Herods.

These guys had a complicated relationship with the new movement of Christians, often not knowing what to do with them. In Acts 26, Paul isn't just defending his actions; he's witnessing to people who have the power to decide his fate. The amazing part about Paul's story is his bravery and the way he uses every chance, even a courtroom, to talk about Jesus. This background helps us see just how revolutionary this early Christian movement was against the backdrop of powerful political and religious forces. It's a testament to how a personal encounter with Jesus can lead to remarkable acts of courage and dedication.



Sermon Notes

Acts 26:12-18 CSB
“I was traveling to Damascus under these circumstances with authority and a commission from the chief priests. King Agrippa, while on the road at midday, I saw a light from heaven brighter than the sun, shining around me and those traveling with me. We all fell to the ground, and I heard a voice speaking to me in Aramaic, ‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.’ “I asked, ‘Who are you, Lord?’ “And the Lord replied, ‘I am Jesus, the one you are persecuting. But get up and stand on your feet. For I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you as a servant and a witness of what you have seen and will see of me. I will rescue you from your people and from the Gentiles. I am sending you to them 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 share among those who are sanctified by faith in me.’

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Living out our God-given calling as we follow Jesus and make disciples every day.

Spirit-Led Follower

A disciple who walks with Jesus daily, anchoring their lives to God's Word and obediently following the Holy Spirit where He leads.

Intentional Friend

A disciple who is always looking for ways to care for others and meet their needs. This is a practical way to be present in the lives of those around us.

Humble Guide

A disciple who is a humble guide takes every opportunity to help people take their next step closer to Jesus. This is someone who is constantly looking for opportunities to have Gospel conversations and speak truth into someone's life.

Force For Good

When a disciple lives out their God-given calling, they naturally become a force for good where they live, work, and play. This type of person is looking for opportunities to meet needs, heal brokenness, and bring tangible hope to the people in their life and in their community.



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