



MESSAGE

STUDY GUIDE

GROUP MATERIAL

SONGS

Community Group Material:

Bible Reading: Galatians 1:11 - 17; Acts 9:1 - 6

Ask one person to pray at the beginning of your meeting.

Check-in

Check in with each other about how everyone is doing.

Bible Reading: Galatians 1:11-18a; Acts 8:1, 3; 9:1-6

Sermon Summary:

Paul was desperate for his new brothers and sisters in Christ who were being persuaded to move away from Christ for their further salvation. Paul took to helping them see that his apostleship was not of a human origin (Gal. 1:1), nor his gospel (Gal. 1:11–17). He received both in one life-changing event, as he journeyed to Damascus to drag any errant Jews who had turned to the false Messiah Jesus back to Jerusalem to be imprisoned (Acts 9:1–6). In the heat and passion of that determined journey, Paul was visited and commissioned by the resurrected Christ! This is when the gospel was revealed to him. It was that divinely originated gospel that Paul fought to defend for the sake of the Galatian believers.

Discussion:

1. Knowing the kind of person Paul was before meeting Christ, how could he have found God's favour? Does his example of undeservedly receiving God's grace encourage you as you consider your friends, relatives and colleagues?
2. How did this revelation of Jesus completely disturb and disrupt Paul's life? How would he have understood Jesus prior to this encounter? Condemned? Cursed? (Deut. 21:22 – 23) What would it have

done to his understanding to know that Jesus was alive?

3. Talk together about why Galatians 1:16a is better translated "*to reveal his Son **IN** me*" rather than "*to reveal his Son **TO** me*"
4. You may have thought yourself that your experience of salvation or conversion needed to be more like what Paul experienced. You may have people in your life who are caught in that kind of thinking. How would you counsel them now?
5. Talk with one another about **when and how** Christ revealed himself **in** you and the change it made in your life.

End with Prayer.

- Pray for God to continue to reach those in your lives that are indifferent or hotly opposed to the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- Pray for one another.