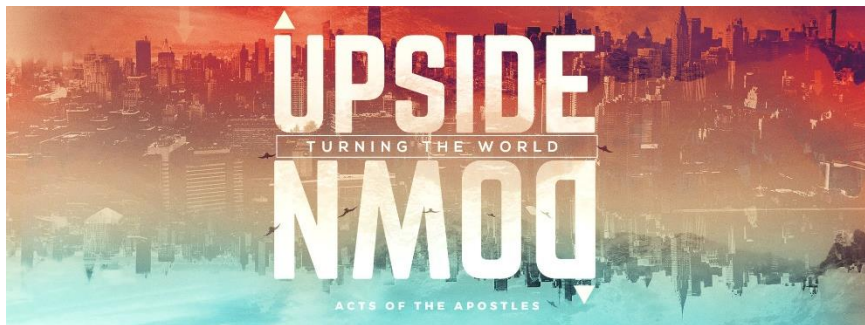




What Do You Expect?

Life Group Study, Week of June 5, 2022

Engage.

When you believed in Jesus, what did you expect the Christian life to be like?

If you had the opportunity to hear the message on Sunday, what stood out to you personally? Did you have any questions?

Look at the Book. Read Acts 9:19-31

What accounted for the fear and skepticism Saul encountered in Damascus?

How did Saul's 17 years of preparation (Galatians 1:15-19; 2:1; Acts 13:1-3) compare with that of people like Joseph, Moses, David and Elijah?

Why, do you think, were those years necessary, especially for a man like Saul?

Why should we be patient with the seasons of waiting on God in our own lives? What have you personally learned about those seasons?

Read 1 Timothy 1:16. What did Paul understand about the importance of personal example to the life of discipleship? On what basis could he urge the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 4:16) to be imitators of him?

Was Saul chosen to suffer, or would suffering be an inevitable consequence of his primary calling? What practical difference does that distinction make?

What role does suffering play in God's process of conforming us to the character of Christ?

Why is it often necessary, when we experience resistance or suffering for the sake of Christ, to confirm God's call on our lives?

How important were the roles played by Ananias and Barnabas respectively to Saul's life and ministry? How would you characterize the essential contributions each of them made?

Apply

How can choosing to join and identify with a local church be a difficult choice? Why is it nevertheless an essential one?

How are you currently contributing to the growth and development of another Christ-follower?

In what ways are you allowing them to contribute to your growth?