

THE WEEK OF
August 21st, 2010



The Gospel According to You

Saul's Story, Part I

"Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?"

Acts 9:4

The New Testament begins with four books that we are very familiar with. The Gospels according to Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Each unique in perspective because of the fact that the Holy Spirit has always used the vehicle of personality to share the good news. These four "gospels" complete the revelation of the person of Christ in the pages of Scripture. But there is a fifth gospel. And this one is the first one that most people you interact with on a daily basis will come in contact with. It's the gospel told by you and your life. This gospel is our focus over the next few months; including the annual retreat this September. As we go through this series we're going to examine the lives of several biblical characters and the common traits to their testimonies and ours. All of us have three parts to the gospel in us. First, who we were before we met Christ. Then that moment or period of time when Christ met us and we were born again - conversion. Third, what Christ has been doing in us since our conversion and what He's doing in and through us now. We begin this week with an examination of Saul turned Paul the Apostle. Of all the conversions recorded in scripture, his is definitely the most extreme. Make time this week to read his gospel, recorded in the book of Acts, and we pray you find insight into how your gospel can be told. The gospel according to you is what we will develop in the coming weeks and months. It's going to be an exciting process. So stick with us and let's see what surprises God has.

Read the Proverb that corresponds with the calendar day *example:*
If it's the 1st day of the month, read Proverbs 1 etc...

Mon: Acts 7:54-8:3

Tue: Acts 9:1-30

Wed: Acts 11:25-30; 12:25-13:52

Thu: Acts 14

Fri: Acts 15

Discussion Questions for Bible Café:

1. How was Saul's life characterized prior to meeting Christ on the road to Damascus? How was your life similar before you came to Christ? How did Saul's conversion compare with yours? What are the similarities and differences?

2. What was the fruit of conversion in the life of Paul? What does the fruit tell you about Paul? How about your own life. Do others see fruit?

Prayer Requests of your Bible Café brothers (on back):