



Introduction

Jesus redeems our past and changes our futures. The man we know as the Apostle Paul started out as a persecutor of the church but after meeting Jesus, his life and future would radically change. But it wasn't a one-time change, he continued to grow for the rest of his life.

Discussion Questions

1. Can you think of a time when you were absolutely convinced you were right about something, then it turns out you weren't?
2. Often Christians think that Saul's name was changed to Paul by Jesus. Why is it important that we understand that while it sounds good-it isn't actually biblical?
3. Read Acts 9:1-9 What do you think is the primary emotion Paul is feeling? What do you think about him being 100% anti-Jesus and then 100% Jesus preacher – in such a short time?
4. Read Philippians 3:4-6 How was pride a motivating factor in Paul's younger years? Later he would write he was the "least of all the apostles" (1 Cor. 15:9), "least of all the Lord's people" (Ephesians 3:8), and the "worst of sinners" (1 Tim. 1:15). How does the progression of humility help Paul in his ministry? Anything we can learn from that ourselves?
5. Read 1 Corinthians 9:22 What does being all things to all people look like? What is the motivating factor? What does loving someone and also sharing Jesus with them look like?
6. We know that Paul parted company with Barnabas because of a disagreement over Mark. Later he wants Mark to be a part of his ministry. He also mentors Timothy and Titus. Why was it so important that he poured into them?
7. How can you or are you pouring into the next generation of faith?

Shaping Your Mind *Philippians 3:7-8 But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things.*

Moving Forward – Don't strive to forget your past, marvel at how it has been redeemed.