

Solo
LifeGroup Lesson
June 17, 2018
Acts 26:4-19

OPENING PRAYER:

Lord, you have changed us and made us new. We get confused sometimes and fall back into our old habits and our old ways of thinking. Renew us and remind us that you use flawed people. Guide us as we live more and more into your vision for our lives. Guide us so that we might bring glory and honor to you through our actions. We praise you, knowing that you are able and willing to use even our flaws for your glory. Amen.

BREAKING THE ICE:

- What did you agree or disagree with in the LifeTalk this week?
- What is your favorite character from your favorite movie or book? Why?

WRESTLING WITH THE WORD:¹

Read Acts 26:4-23

- What strikes you about this passage?
- Look at verses 9-11. This describes a bit of Paul's early life. What are some of the actions that he does that stick out to you? Make a list of those actions. How would you describe Paul before he met Christ?
- Look at verses 12-18. What strikes you about Paul's encounter with Jesus?
- Have you had an encounter with Jesus? Would you be able to/willing to share your story of coming to faith?
- Look at verses 19-23. How would you describe Paul after his encounter with Jesus?
- Why did Paul obey the words of Christ?
- Paul endured great suffering, yet he continued to follow God and preach to anyone who would listen. What gave him that strength?
- How has your life changed since coming to know Jesus? What guides you in your life?

CLOSING POSSIBILITIES:

- How will your life be different based upon what you have learned in this week's scripture, lesson and/or LifeTalk?
- How can the group pray for you this week?
- Write out your personal journey in faith. Consider sharing it with someone who doesn't know Jesus.
- Journal about how your life is different now that you know Jesus. Consider what still needs to change.
- Has God used you in some way since coming to faith? Journal about those experiences. Consider how God might be able to use even your flaws for his glory.

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:

God, you are the perfect God of imperfect people. We praise you for doing incredible things in the midst of our weaknesses. You use our flaws to reach out to others. We ask for a deeper understanding of you. We ask to be changed more into the likeness of your son and to be empowered to make your kingdom known here on Earth as it is in Heaven. We praise you that you have changes us already and that you will not leave us till the work has been completed. Amen.

¹Adapted from *The Serendipity Bible* (Zondervan: Grand Rapids, 1998)