

THE ENEMY IS SAVED

Acts 9.1-19 // November 6, 2022

SAUL ON THE HUNT

Saul is not satisfied with imprisoning Christians in Jerusalem, and asks for legal power to go abroad to capture Christians and bring them back to Jerusalem for punishment. Damascus had a large Jewish population, so he travels there knowing that the message had reached them.

On his way, the risen Christ appears to him as a light brighter than the sun. He reveals to Saul that He is Jesus, and that this whole time Saul had been persecuting Him.

**Saul's worst nightmare came true.
The hunter has become the hunted.**

Acts 26.12-14

SOVEREIGN SAVING POWER

**No one is beyond
the saving grace and mercy of God**

John 1.11-13 // Ephesians 2.8, 9 // John 15.16 // Colossians 1.13, 14

Four Things We Notice in Saul's Conversion:

- His conversion leads to an immediate surrender.
- Saul, as a new creation, has a new identity.
- As a new creation, he has a new purpose.
- Lastly, he's given new sight.

AN EXAMPLE FOR US

1 Timothy 1.12-16

Paul says that his salvation is an example for those who later would come to know Jesus. He knows that his salvation would give others an example of the patience and the mercy of Christ.

**If God saved Saul as an example for you and me,
who might God have saved *me* to be an example for?**

Each of us, like Saul, were given a new identity and purpose, and we were all given the ministry of reconciliation. Though we all have different gifts and backgrounds, we are all called to be instruments in the hands of Jesus.

1 Corinthians 6.9-11 // Galatians 1.11-24 // 2 Corinthians 5.17-21
1 Peter 4.16 // John 15.18-20 // Philipians 3.4-11

NOTES:

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

2 Timothy 3:14-15

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at tyler@lifemission.tv**.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before group starts, who can share the **Memory Verse**?

Read **Acts 9:1-19**. What stands out in this passage and from the sermon on Sunday?

Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

What of the four "marks" of Saul's conversion stick out the most to you as something that you struggle the most with applying to your own life? How does Saul's example encourage you in it?

Your Life Mission

Read **2 Corinthians 5:17-21**. Each of us are called to ministers of reconciliation. What are ways in your life has God used you to be that, and what relationships are currently in your life that you could use prayer for to pursue that purpose that God has given you?

End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the **P.R.A.Y.** model with your group. Pray for these people you have mentioned and for your heart and plan as you pursue them in love.

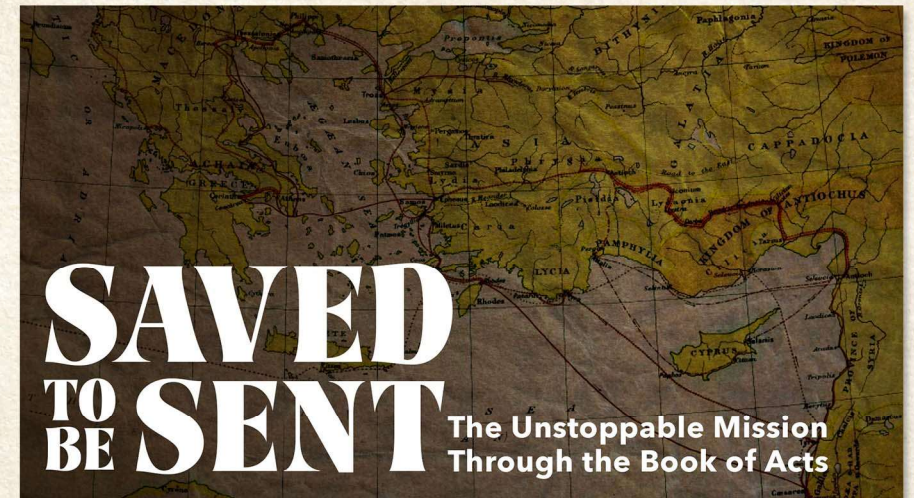
- **Preaching the Gospel to Yourself** (Matthew 6:9, 10)
 - Always begin your time of prayer focusing on God's goodness, who He is, and what He has done for us. Pray truths from this week's text.
- **Repent and Confess** (Matthew 6:12)
 - Real repentance begins where blame-shifting stops. Your circumstances don't need to change, your heart needs to change. Confess any particular sin that prevents you from walking out what God calls us to in the text, or any other particular sin you are wanting to fight. Ask Him to help you have strength to repent and run towards Him.
- **Ask for Provision** (Matthew 6:11-13)
 - Ask God for new perspective and for the things that you need. Once our hearts are fixed on Him, we can ask Him to help us with our needs. When your heart is begin filled with the Gospel first, your asking will be far more in line with God's desires and will. Ask Him to work in the relationships in your life that you are hoping to share God's love with.
- **Yield with Thanksgiving** (Matthew 6:10)
 - End your prayer by giving God thanks for His faithfulness and ask Him to help you trust and yield to His work and ways.



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WHO ARE SAVED, EQUIPPED, AND SENT BY THE GOSPEL.**



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