

PRACTICAL APPLICATION _____

1. We live in a very consumer-centric world. Just as we read earlier, one of the things that helped the church see growth was the early church was selfless and sought to serve others. What do we need to do to fight against being consumers only?

2. In the sermon, Pastor Rusty challenged us to join in the mission of helping people find and follow Jesus. What steps can we take individually and as a group to actively participate in this mission with our church and broader community?

****Make sure you read through Chapter 30 before you come to church next weekend.***

PRAYER REQUESTS _____

MESSAGE NOTES

The Story

Chapter 29, Paul's Mission

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“They _____ themselves to the apostles’ _____

and to _____, to the _____ of bread and to

_____. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved” (Acts 2:42-47).

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CONNECT GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

For the week of April 14, 2024

The Story - Chapter 29, Paul's Mission

GETTING STARTED _____

1. Over the course of your life, what are some positions you have changed your mind on? Take a few minutes and discuss it with your group.

2. Rusty mentioned in his message the phrase, "Jesus, yes. Church, no". How do you feel about that statement? Have you ever felt that way at any time in your life? If so, explain.

DIGGING DEEPER _____

1. The conversion of Paul is one of the greatest stories ever told. He went from being a persecutor of Christians to a passionate missionary for the church. What factors contributed to his radical transformation?

2. Read **Acts 9:1-9**. What are some things about this passage that stand out to you? Why do you think Saul was struck blind?

What might God have been trying to teach him through blindness?

How do you think Saul felt when confronted by Jesus? Given his previous activities, what might he have been thinking about during those three days of blindness and fasting (v. 9)?

3. Early in the book of Acts, we see that the church was actively working to fulfill what Jesus told them to do in **Acts 1:1-9**. According to **Acts 2:42-47**, what was the church doing so that they began to see growth?

4. The Christians in the early church were devoted to teaching, fellowship, prayer and breaking bread. Why do you think Christians today struggle with this?

What could we do or stop doing that would allow us to have the margin in our lives to be as dedicated as they were?

What might happen if we did the things they did?