Sermon Notes "Life in the Body" (Acts 9:1-4) May 7, 2023

True life in the Body (2 Cor 3:18)

One movement: Transformation

Three parts: Repent & believe, be baptised, covenant

→ Call to obedience: i) Following commands

ii) Entering 'full life'

Asking, seeking and knocking...(Mt 7:7)

From a planted seed (Phil 3:4-6; Acts 22:3)

But, in the wrong places (Acts 22:4; 9:1-2)

➢ God knows what's deeper (9:3-4)

What are you genuinely seeking? (Jer 19:13)

Discussion Questions

These questions are only a guide. Feel free to share how God has spoken to you, what areas you question &/or do not understand. Allow the Holy Spirit to guide your discussion.

What do you believe the Christian life is all about – going to church, being saved, helping others, being a good person? Of course these are important. What does the Bible say about what it means to 'Follow'?

Re-read Deut 10:12-13 & Jn 10:10. What does it mean to obey all of God's commands with all our being? How does that relate to the promise of 'life abundant'? How do we live in comparison?

How well do you know your life-story – reflecting on past events and their impact on you? Do you see God at work through them all? Do you believe He has been pursuing you through them all?

How have you responded to the events of your life? Have the joys and struggles driven you to God's love, power, comfort and healing? How have you sought purpose and relief in the 'wrong places'?

Think through your average week. What can you honestly say you are seeking – escape, acceptance, accomplishments, safety & security, etc? Is it dependent on what you can achieve or what God has to offer?

Scripture promises God knows our hearts. Regardless of what we do and why, He has extended an invitation to make our lives right with Him and experience what we were designed for. Will you received it?