Sermon Notes "Christ In You" (Acts 9:1-22) May 14, 2023

Relentlessly searching

Either/or: i) Work to please (9:1-2; Phil 3:4-6)

ii) Receive the risen Jesus (9:3)

► The Road of Discovery

Revelation: God orchestrates (9:3)

Personal encounter (9:4-7; 1 Cor 15:3-8)

Transformation: 'Changed mind' (9:8-18a)

Baptised (9:18b-19)

Other Followers (19b)

Sent (9:20-22)

Life only *in* the Body (1 Cor 5:3-8; Gal 1:15-16)

Be ready

Follow *His* voice

Enter the fellowship

→ Test yourself (2 Cor 13:5)

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.

How have you searched for meaning & fulfillment – escapes, different relationships, work, accomplishments, affirmation, spirituality, serving? How have they left you looking for more?

True Christianity is meeting Jesus, who is alive, for yourself. Consider key events in your life. How has God been pursuing you, initiating an encounter to discover who He truly is? Or, does He seem absent?

Look at the list of 'essentials' to the Christian life, based on Paul's conversion. What have you personally experienced? What areas do you struggle with and why? What is holding you back?

If you consider yourself a follower of Jesus, how has meeting Him changed you? What is the evidence of the Holy Spirit working in you? Are you compelled to obey, connect with other and tell the world?

Following Jesus is all about entering a new life and a new community – the church, the Body of Christ. What blessings have you experienced from others? What is preventing you from going deeper?

You may have had some religious experience in the past. Would you say it was meeting the living Jesus 'face-to-face'? Has God captivated your heart and mind, taking control of your life and moving you toward the life He designed for you? What steps is He leading you to take so you can experience the full life 'in Christ'?
