



Were: Week 1 — “Regenerated”

CONNECT: If you were to interview some of your classmates and teachers from high school, what would they say you were known for?

GROW:

1. **Read Acts 9:1-9.** Before the apostle Paul would go on to write almost half of the New Testament, he was known as Saul the persecutor. This is one of the reasons his conversion story is arguably one of the most well-known in the pages of Scripture. Who first introduced you to Jesus? What was this encounter like?
2. **Read Acts 9:10-21.** Ironically, Paul had to become physically blind before he gained spiritual sight. Sometimes God takes drastic measures to make His presence known to us. How has God revealed Himself to you over time? Has it been more obvious or more subtle in nature?
3. **Read 2 Corinthians 5:17.** Based on Paul’s story in the book of Acts, it’s clear why he penned this verse when he wrote to the church in Corinth. What area(s) in your life have you seen the “old pass away”? What “new” has God replaced the old with?
4. **Read Romans 6:1-6.** Baptism is one of the ways we identify as being a follower of Jesus. If you’ve been baptized, how would you describe your baptism experience? If you haven’t taken this step in following Jesus, what reservations have you had?
5. Although most of us might not share the same type of conversion story as Paul, one of the most effective tools we have in inviting more people into God’s family is our testimony. How would you explain the transformational work God has done in your life to others?

PRAY: Think of someone in your sphere of influence who doesn’t know Jesus. Pray for God to open a door for you to be able to share your story with them.

NEXT: We need to be reminded of our identity in Christ. Paul must have intuitively known this because he used the phrase “in Christ,” “in the Lord,” or “in Him” over 150 times in his writings. One of his most powerful reminders is found in **Romans 8:38-39**. Try to convert these two verses to memory this week.