



Spreading the Message of Jesus to the World!

TEEN BIBLE STUDY

Name: _____ Date: _____

Opening Activity: Think, Pair, Share

- **Think: Read Acts 1:8.** What does Jesus mean, “You will be my witnesses...to the ends of the earth?”
- **Pair:** After 1 minute, pair up with a classmate and discuss your answers together.
- **Share:** After 2 minutes, we will come together as a class and put all of our answers together.

Write and add responses here:

Today’s Objectives:

1. You will learn and appreciate the power of the gospel in the life of the apostle Paul.
2. You will study and understand how Paul and his companions shared the message of Jesus, even under difficult circumstances.
3. Using the example of Paul, and with the power of the Holy Spirit, you will look for opportunities to spread the message of Jesus and put full trust in that message.

Paul: Enemy Turned Disciple

1. **Read Acts 8:1a.** To what was Saul (Paul) giving his approval?
 2. **Read Acts 9:1-19.** Knowing what you know about Saul, why does this episode surprise you?
 3. What other Biblical examples can you think of where God used “flawed” human beings to achieve great things with his Word?
 4. Why shouldn't it surprise us that Saul/Paul could be Jesus' “chosen instrument”?
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Truth #1: The message of the gospel turned Saul from being an _____ of Christ to being a _____.

Jesus' New Disciple and the Power of God's Word

5. **Read Acts 16:11-15.** How were the conversion of Lydia and the conversion of Paul similar? (especially note verse 14b)
6. How did Lydia's conversion benefit her entire family?
7. How did Lydia instantly show herself to be someone who would use her gifts in thanksgiving for what the Lord had done for her?
8. **Read Acts 16:16-21.** Why was this possessed slave girl valuable to her owners?
9. How did Paul make it clear that it wasn't by his own power that the evil spirit was driven from the slave girl?
10. How did her owners react to the spirit being driven from her?
11. **Read Acts 16:22-40.** What was the result of Paul and Silas being taken before the magistrates?
12. How did Paul and Silas show that being in prison wasn't going to stop them from being “Christians”?

13. Why do you think that Paul and Silas didn't escape from prison, even though they had the chance to do just that? Would you have done the same thing?

14. What was the result of the fact that they didn't escape?

Truth #2: God's Word can _____ hearts! Even under the most difficult of circumstances.

Now It's Our Turn

15. **Read Matthew 28:19-20.** What is the role of all Christians, now that faith has been worked in their hearts?

16. ROADBLOCKS? What are some of the excuses we typically come up with to NOT share the gospel with others?

17. ANSWERS TO OUR ROADBLOCKS. **Read Zechariah 4:6, John 14:16-17, and Matthew 28:20b.** How does God respond to our excuses?

18. Who in your life needs to hear the gospel?

Truth #3: We need to look for _____ to share God's Word with others, trusting in the _____ of the _____.

Closing Hymn Verse, CW566:2, "We All Are One in Mission"

We all are called to service, to witness in God's name.
Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same;
To touch the lives of others with God's surprising grace,
So every folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.

Go and Tell! To the Ends of the Earth!