



CityKids Lesson and Resources - April 19, 2020

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THIS WEEK'S VIDEO - TO WATCH DURING THE SERMON

Weekly video link: <https://youtu.be/ogDArF83p8I>

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS - TO BE USED THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

- **HOW WAS STEPHEN EMPOWERED TO SHARE ABOUT GOD'S LOVE, EVEN WITH THOSE WHO KILLED HIM?**

Stephen had received the Holy Spirit as a follower of Jesus. Before Jesus ascended into heaven, He promised his followers that they would receive the Holy Spirit who would give them the power to tell people about Him everywhere. This promise came true at Pentecost. The disciples became changed people, people of power. All Christians have God's power. If you are a follower of Jesus, so do you!

- Acts 1:8
- Acts 2:1-47

- **HOW DOES PAUL'S LIFE SHOW THAT FOLLOWING JESUS MAY LEAD TO SUFFERING?**

Well, there are two ways. Before Paul became a follower of Christ, he was the one persecuting Christians. After he started following Jesus, he ended up being the one that was persecuted for his faith. Becoming a Christian guarantees you an eternal future with God in heaven, but it doesn't guarantee you a life without difficulties, even persecution, on earth. The early Christians suffered great persecution for believing in Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Jesus Himself was arrested, beaten, and put to death on a cross. You may not experience life-threatening persecution, but you may experience people laughing at you, leaving you out of their circle of friends, avoiding you, and teasing or mocking you for being a follower of Jesus. Jesus said, "God blesses those who are



persecuted for doing right, for God, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs" (Matthew 5:10).

- [Matthew 5:10](#)

- **HOW DOES THE STORY OF PAUL'S CONVERSION SHOW US THAT WE NEED TO FOLLOW JESUS AND NOT A RELIGION?**

Some people are so caught up in religion that they can't hear what Jesus is truly saying to them. Saul was a sincere and zealous follower of religious laws and customs. However, Jesus met him on the road to Damascus, and Saul learned that instead of following religion, he should follow Jesus. Following Jesus means having a personal relationship with Him, not just following a set of rules and regulations.

- [Acts 9:1-43](#)

- **HOW DOES THE LIFE OF ANANIAS SHOW THE IMPORTANCE OF OBEDIENCE?**

Imagine if Ananias had not obeyed God's instruction to "Go!" Saul would not have become a believer, and the message of the Gospel would not have been taken to "the Gentiles and to kings, as well as to the people of Israel" (Acts 9:15). Saul, later named Paul, would not have written the many letters we have in the New Testament. Ananias heard – and obeyed. Because of that, history was changed. When God gives you an instruction, obey!

- [Acts 9:15](#)

- **HOW CAN THE STORY OF PAUL'S CONVERSION ENCOURAGE THOSE WHO THINK THEY HAVE TOO MANY BAD THINGS TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN?**

God wants you to follow Him and not go your own way. He can help you change direction. He can also help you change whatever needs to change for your life to bring honor to Him; that could be your beliefs, thoughts, attitudes, habits, or actions. Saul completely changed his life with the power of God. God can help you change, too!



- Romans 3:23-24

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Acts 9:1-19

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Saul was certain that Jesus' friends were telling lies. Saul didn't believe that Jesus was God's Son. Saul wanted to make people stop talking about Jesus. Saul was so angry that he even wanted to kill people who believed in Jesus!

Saul went to Damascus to find people who believed in Jesus and take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. As he walked along the road with some friends, a bright light suddenly flashed around Saul. Saul fell to the ground. Jesus talked to Saul. "Why are you hurting me?" Jesus said. "Go to Damascus and you will be told what you must do." Saul got up, but he could not see. Saul's friends helped Saul walk to Damascus.

For three days, Saul was blind and he didn't eat anything. He prayed to God. God sent a man who loved Jesus to help Saul. The man went to the house where Saul was staying and said, "The Lord Jesus sent me so that you may see again." Right away, Saul could see. Now Saul loved and obeyed Jesus.