

Common Ground Café

Sermon Discussion Guide

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How to be More Confident in Faith Conversations

Acts 9:19-30

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Get to Know You

What is the most daring thing you have done? What made it so daring?

Study the Book

Read Acts 9:19-30

On a scale of 1 (Zero Confidence) to 5 (Overwhelming Confidence), how confident are you in sharing your faith?

Evangelism isn't selling Jesus like a product. Evangelism is just being more sensitive to the natural opportunities to dialogue with people about Jesus.

Pastor Tom

First: Start

According to verse 20, When did Saul begin to preach in the synagogues?

What are some of the reasons we delay in sharing the gospel?

What does Ecclesiastes 11:4 tell us about starting to share the gospel?

Second: Develop

Read Acts 9:22

Just as Saul grew, what is an area/topic/question in which you would like to grow in sharing your faith?

What are some ways/resources to grow in these areas?

Third: Endure

Read Acts 9:23-25

Acts 9 begins with Saul leaving Jerusalem with an official mandate from the high priest to arrest fugitive Christians. Our study of Acts 9 ends with him leaving Jerusalem as a fugitive Christian himself.

Some of you are going to walk a rough road with your family because of your faith. Some of you will have fewer friends or romantic choices when they know you take Jesus seriously. But even if others of you never face hostile opposition, just be ready to go through seasons where you engage people in spiritual conversations, and nothing seems to be happening.

Group Application and Discussion

How can we encourage one another to “endure” as we share the gospel?

Take some time to pray individually by name for people who need to respond to the gospel.

Personal Reflection and Application

What is one way you will commit to grow in sharing your faith?