



Series Summary: This is the final discussion of our Identity Series. We believe that God gave us the Bible to help us understand the question that every human has: Who am I? As God interacted with different people in the Bible, we see their failures and their triumphs. And instead of being defined by those, we see God call out the truth of who He has called them to be. From these stories, we too can learn who God has called us to be ...

Paul:

- Free in Christ. V. Slave to Sin
- Missionary V. Murderer
- Humbled V. Proud

Key Scripture:

Acts 8:1-3, Acts 9:1-31

Getting Started

- There is so much to say about the life of Paul, but we are going to focus in mainly on one story: the story of him having a first-hand encounter with Jesus.
- Read Acts 8:1-3 and Acts 9:1-31. What stands out to you most in this story?
- Before Jesus called him out, who was Paul and what did he do?
- After Jesus called him out, who was Paul, and what did he do?

Digging Deep

- Take a few moments to compare the characteristics listed above under Paul's name. Where do those contradictions show up in this story?
- If God can take an arrogant, sinful, murderous man and turn him into the most successful pastor and missionary of the early church: what does that mean for your story?
- We are broken people just like Paul, but just as Jesus saved Paul's life and used it for His glory, He can save your life and use it for His glory. God has created you with a unique personality, passions, gifts, talents, family, history, etc. but none of those things are the essence of who you are. **You are an image bearer of God created to glorify Him with your life.**

Recap: Take a few minutes to recap the identity change that God gave to each of these people.

- Adam and Eve
- Abraham
- Joseph
- Moses
- David
- Jesus
- Peter

After studying God's Word for this many weeks: how would you answer these questions:

"Who am I?" and "Am I living out my true identity or a false version of who I am?"

Take some time to write down your answer. Identify the lies but speak the truth.