

The Worst Evangelist Ever: Acts 9:22-31

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There's three parts to Paul's story:

- 1. He is the person who led more people to Jesus than anyone else in history and he had a lot of <u>sin</u>, shame, and regret in his past.
- 2. For years Paul didn't lead anyone to Jesus because of how horrible he was at sharing his faith.

Nobody ever becomes a follower of Jesus by losing an argument.

3. Paul became so effective at leading people to Jesus that <u>you</u> can probably trace your own spiritual roots all the way back to him.

There are three clear reasons why Paul was able to lead so many people to Jesus:

1. Paul shared his faith simply by sharing what Jesus had done in his life.

By calling all believers to share their faith, God has called every believer to do something far more <u>natural</u> and simpler than they realize.

Pop Quiz: True or False

- A. God is calling me to "prove" Jesus to people. FALSE
- B. Most of the time sharing your faith is sharing something that God has done in your life that He could do in someone else's life. TRUE

The key to how Paul shared his faith are the two words, "I too" in Acts 26:9.

"I too was convinced that I ought to do all that was possible to oppose the name of Jesus of Nazareth. And that is just what I did in Jerusalem." Acts 26:9-10 NIV

There is another set of words that are as powerful as "I too" and responsible for more people coming to Jesus than any other words: They are the words, "come with me."

- 2. Paul faithfully prayed for people's souls every day which enabled God to entrust him with opportunities and supernaturally <u>enabled</u> Paul, as well.
- 3. When doors opened, Paul <u>walked</u> through them.

Five for the Drive

A family conversation starter for the ride home

- 1. Who was an influential person who led you to Jesus and how did that person do that?
- 2. How would your story of your relationship with Jesus compare to the Apostle Paul's?
- 3. If you had the chance to say something about Jesus to someone who didn't believe in Him, what might you say?
- 4. How can you prepare for discussions about Jesus with family, friends and co-workers who don't know Jesus Christ?
- 5. Who are one or two persons you can pray for an opportunity to share Jesus with next week?

Ministry Opportunities

For more information about these and other events, go to SavannahChristian.com/Events.

Operation Christmas Child

Boxes will be collected Oct. 29 and Nov. 1 - 2

Change the life of a child by filling a shoebox with toys, small games, stationery and toiletries. Samaritan's Purse works with local churches and ministry partners to deliver the boxes and share the Good News of Jesus Christ with children around the world who wouldn't normally receive a Christmas gift. Filling a shoebox is not the end goal; your shoebox can be the beginning of a child's journey to learn about the love of God and lead him or her to faith in Christ. Pick up a box from the display in the lobby and bring it back filled next week.

Point University Dual Credit Enrollment Open House 10 a.m. – noon, Saturday, Nov. 1 and 1 – 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 2 Adult Ministry Center across the street

Point University at our Henderson Campus offers a program that enables high school students to earn credits towards a college degree while still in high school. This is a great way of getting a head start on your college career while enjoying the support of your family and familiar surroundings. Come to this open house event to find out how you could receive free college credit through this program.

Adoration: Prayer and Worship 6:15 – 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8

Worship Center

Come to this special Adoration service as we join with the local and global partners we support through Faith Promise offerings to celebrate what God has done through their ministries this year. We'll spend time in both worship and prayer, praising God for a season of fruitful ministry and praying for and encouraging our partners as they shine His light around the world. Children are welcome to attend, but separate childcare is not available.

Congregational Vision Meeting 5:45 – 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12 Adult Ministry Center across the street

At this meeting we will review our financial picture for 2014 and look at our ministry budget plan for 2015. We will introduce our church officers and give you the opportunity to ask questions. We will then go to the worship center for the worship service, where Cam will lay out the vision for 2015. Church members will then have the opportunity to vote on the 2015 budget and officers. If you have questions that you would like to ask in advance of this meeting, please contact Amy in the Executive Office at akline@sayannahchristian.com.