Sermon Notes May 2, 2021

The Conversion and Call of Paul

Acts 9:1-19a

How Can This Be?

Vss 1-2:

BUT Saul

* Saul is on fire AGAINST the Lord
* The High Priest is in on the deal of destroying Christians
* Christians are criminals – to be bound and brought back to Jerusalem

Vss 3-4:

Divine Revelation

* Why are you persecuting me?

Vss 5-6:

Saw Jesus

Vs 7:

Vss 8-9:

He really was made totally blind

Vss 10-12:

Enter Ananias

Vss 13-14:

Ananias was concerned

Calling on the name of Jesus

Vss 15-16:

An instrument FOR Christ instead of AGAINST Christ

Vss 17-19a:

When God directs, we are to obey

**Application:**

Saul – most unlikely to become a Christian

Who, in your life, would be your answer to that moniker?

* Is it really impossible?
* I’m possible!

God does not desire that anyone should perish

Pray for a miracle – all conversions to God are miracles!

**Discussion** **Questions**:

1. Is there still persecution of Christians in the world today? Where does that come from?
2. Describe what a divine revelation is. Have you ever witnessed one?
3. What is the most miraculous conversion you have ever witnessed? Describe the circumstances leading into the conversion and the results after conversion.
4. How are you praying for the “most unlikely” person in your life to become a Christian? How do you feel about this prospect?
5. Look up and read 2 Peter 3:9. Explain how this verse changes your outlook on question #4.