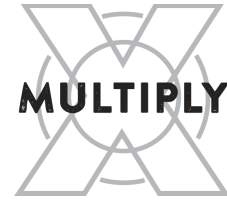


4. Intentional PRACTICE in MINISTRY (9:20-22, 28)



The Growth of a New Disciple

Acts 9:19-31

Sunday, April 9, 2017

While Saul's conversion was dramatic and almost immediate, his growth in grace and ministry was not. The basic ingredients of Saul's growth are instructive for us at Grace Central Coast as we seek to make disciples who make disciples among our staff, adults, youth and kids. We, too, all need these basic ingredients to grow . . .

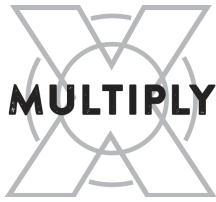
5. STRUGGLE and SUFFERING (9:23-25)

1. The GOSPEL (9:20, 22)

6. TIME (9:23, 30)

2. The LOCAL CHURCH (9:19, 22-23, 26-31)

3. Spiritual MENTORS (9:17, 27)



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Connecting & Caring Together (about 20 min.)

Welcome to Spring Growth Groups! In this first week, take time to catch up and connect as you come together again. Share joys and sorrows as you live life together.

Grappling with God's Word Together (about 20 - 30 min.)

1. How did you "come under" God's Word in the message this week? Share one personal takeaway from the message.
2. Read Acts 9:1-31 together as a group. You might divide the text between two readers, 1-19 and 20-31. Where are we in Acts and in the mission of Jesus? What has already happened and what's about to happen?
3. We often forget: While Saul had a dramatic and immediate conversion experience, he had to grow into the mighty Apostle and missionary he became. What were the local church communities where that growth happened? Who were the spiritual mentors who helped Saul grow?

4. Saul had a LOT of Biblical knowledge before his encounter with Jesus but he now had to reprocess all he knew and all of life in light of Jesus. The Gospel was not just instrumental in his conversion, it was critical for his growth. The same is true for us. Describe how this process has and is happening for you in one area of life like work, marriage, parenting, aging, evangelism, stewardship, friendship, serving the needy or a thousand other areas.
5. The 6 ingredients we see in Saul's growth are often also essential in our growth and the growth of other disciples around us. Which of the six ingredients has been most significant in your growth?
6. Which of the 6 ingredients do you need more of right now in order to grow more as a disciple?
7. Who has been an Ananias or Barnabas in your life? For whom are you serving as an Ananias or Barnabas?
8. How do struggle & suffering grow us? How and when have you experienced this to be true? (For Paul's perspective, see Romans 5:1-5)

Praying Together (about 20 min.)

As you share and pray for one another's needs, pray also for one another's spiritual growth. And pray that we together would be disciples who make disciples for the spread of the Gospel on the Central Coast.