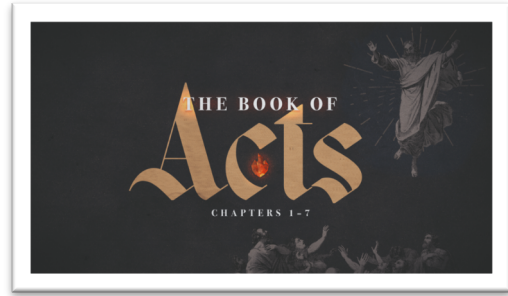


## A CHOSEN INSTRUMENT

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When I am “a chosen instrument” of God, I will have a *before-Christ-after-Christ* story (9:1-2), a personal encounter with Christ (9:3-7), an altered life-trajectory because of Christ (9:8-9, 16), an ongoing relationship with Christ (9:10-15), and a sense of belonging in Christ’s church (9:17-19a).

### GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. If God was going to remove one of your five senses for three days, which sense (*sight, smell, sound, taste, or touch*) would you be least willing to give up? Said another way, which innate ability do you need for what you want to accomplish in life?
2. How closely can you identify with the idea of a before-Christ-after-Christ experience of salvation? What are some other common experiences among people who have been saved?
3. **Read Matthew 5:3.** What does it mean to come to the end of yourself? How does this idea relate to being poor in spirit and the associated blessing?
4. **Read Philippians 3:5-6.** **By his personal account, Paul was successful as a Hebrew raised to follow the religious laws. He excelled as a zealous persecutor of the church.** What reasons did Paul give for being confident in the flesh? Why do our encounters with Jesus typically introduce humility into our lives?
5. What do you think about the current spiritual trajectory of your life? If you keep following your current path with no changes, will you likely be closer to or further from Jesus and his church by this time next year?