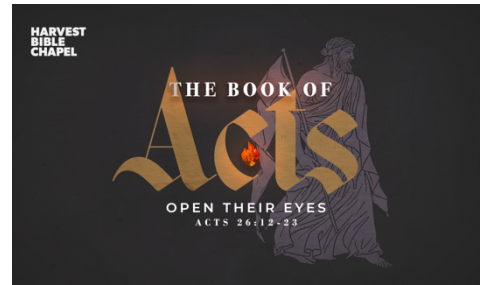


The Book of Acts
66 – Open Their Eyes
Acts 26:12-23



1. In what ways have you noticed AI making it difficult to know what's real and what isn't? Read the account of Thomas and Jesus in John 20:24-29. How is it that we can believe without relying on our eyes to see?
2. As far as your own conversion story goes, what did God do to stop you in your tracks?
3. Review the quote by Charles Spurgeon (below) and think about how you could tell your testimony in a more Christ-centred way.
4. God goads you through the preaching of his Word and time you spend reading and studying it yourself. How solid is your time in the Word? What's one thing could you do to spend more time in the Bible?
5. What does it look like in your life when you "kick against the goads"? How do you resist God when he's speaking into your life?
6. Look at Acts 26:18-20. Identify the essential elements of the gospel that Paul shares with the tribunal.

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John 20:29

When my spiritual eyes are opened...

...God stops me in my tracks (v. 12-14a)

Romans 3:10b-12

Ephesians 2:8-9

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...speaks his word to me (v. 14b)

Goad: verb; is to provoke or compel someone to do something; eg. I goaded my friend to jump off the bridge; I goaded my wife to try sushi.

Simul justus et peccator; At the same time saint and sinner.

Hebrews 4:12-13

...revealing his Son, Jesus Christ (v. 15)

Acts 4:11-12

...and turning me around (v. 16-23)