



Life in Color | November 23, 2016

Discussion Guide

The Scoop

We experience a variety of transitions in our lives. When God meets us in those moments things go from black and white to life in color.

Key Verse

Acts 9:17 (MSG)

"Brother Saul, the Master sent me, the same Jesus you saw on your way here. He sent me so you could see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit."

Discussion

There are times in this life where things are not clear. It isn't uncommon to feel like living life is akin to feeling your way around in a dark room.

1. What life decisions are most difficult for you? What types of things make you feel like a failure regularly?

We've all seen before and after stories when it comes to home remodels, makeovers, weight loss, etc. It's not uncommon for our faith journeys to feel like being lost in the dark until we come to know and experience God's grace through Jesus. We all have a "before" story when it comes to knowing Jesus. For some us it is more of a "current" story, others of us of us have an "after" story, and still others of us are still waiting for that moment when we accept the grace extended to us.

2. If you could describe your life before knowing about God's grace in a sentence or with a few descriptors what would you say?
3. How would you describe the "after"?

Saul is the perfect example of someone who was living in in the dark. His life is full of hate and he is persecuting Christians for their beliefs. As he was headed along the Road to Damascus to punish Christians, he meets Jesus. This encounter leaves him literally blind and well aware of his figurative blindness to God's grace and hope in Jesus. Acts 9:17 sums up Jesus' intent with our lives hen we encounter Him and transition from life in the dark to life in color.

4. Where along your path has Jesus met you to enlighten you, give you hope, and inspire you to live a life in color?
5. What things in your life are still a bit grey or dark where you would invite a "Damascus Road" moment.

What's Next?

OneRepublic has a song called *Life in Color*. In it they say, "You've seen me at my worst and yet you see hope in me." The anthem nature of this song closely describes the feeling of before and after when it comes to experiencing God's grace. God has seen and knows our worst and yet still wants a personal relationship with us bad enough that He sent His son to die for us. Prior to knowing and accepting the love of Jesus life is grey and bleak...After life becomes vibrant and full of hope.

Reflect on your before and after story. Consider writing it down. Also consider the places where God has met you on the journey and the places where you would invite Him to give you hope where you currently see grey.

