

ACTS

Jesus still matters

SERMON OUTLINE

Sunday April 7th, 2019

ACTS - No One is Too Far From The Gospel

Pastor David Cooke - Acts 9:1-19 (ESV)

- **Business As Usual...**

Acts 9:1–3

Paul - Passion Personified

i) An _____ Drive

ii) A _____ Drive

iii) A _____ Drive

- **A Collision With Righteousness**

Acts 9:3–7

A) It's Always About _____

B) Jesus Has _____

C) When Jesus Speaks You Can't Help But _____

D) A Divine Encounter Is _____

- **When Your World Gets Rocked**

Acts 9:8-9



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- **Tough Assignments**

Acts 9:10–16

i) Sometimes We're The Rock That Gets Collided With

ii) You Can Be Reluctant, _____

iii) Speaking With Humility, Conviction and _____

- **You Are Not Optional**

Acts 9:17–19

i) Remember, Lost People Live Like _____

ii) Two Things: 1. Spiritual _____

2. Spiritual _____

- **God Is At Work (You're Part Of It!)**

A. Evangelism Is Not Wrong

B. Meaningful Spiritual Conversations

C. Be Curious, Lead With Curiosity, Stay Curious

Answers: Emotional, Spiritual, Physical, Jesus, Authority, Listen, Undeniable, Still Go, Truth, Lost People, Sight, Power



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LIFE GROUPS STUDY GUIDE

We meet in Life Groups to:

- **Connect with God and each other**
- **Connect the Bible to life**
- **Connect with the community through serving together**

OUR VISION

Our Bold, Daring, Audacious Dream and Prayer: *By 2028 Cold Springs Church will raise up 10,000 local, national and international leaders who live and lead out of the overflow of a Jesus-trusting life resulting in restored and strengthened families.*

(Check out our Vision Wall in the lobby)!

ICE BREAKER: Think of a time you had an eye-opening experience. How did you reach that new awareness?

PRAYER: Our desire is that you give 10% of your time to God in prayer. Take time to pray together in your group.

THIS WEEK: “No One Is Too Far From The Gospel” 9:1-19

In Acts, the Bible captures the story of how a crucified Jesus challenged a hostile and disinterested culture with a message of hope, grace and love that continues to transform lives today. The Book of Acts. Jesus still matters. Jesus still transforms. Jesus still challenges culture. Jesus still saves.

1. Looking back at your notes from this week’s teaching, what particularly caught your attention, encouraged, challenged or confused you?

2. What makes the above response important to you?

3. How does Saul’s experience correlate with modern-day myths or so-called spirituality that seek to put God in a box and leave Jesus out?



4. Saul initially thought he was persecuting those who blasphemed God. Imagine his shock when God asked him “why are you persecuting me?” This week Pastor David spoke about “collisions with righteousness.” What stands out to you regarding how God calls people to salvation and to service?

TAKING IT HOME

God not only selects and calls people who will serve him in a visible and public way, but also those who support that work behind the scenes— like the little known Ananias of Damascus.

5. God can call anyone he chooses to open new work for his kingdom. What obstacles do you face in determining a sense of calling from God and/or carrying it out?

6. We cannot reach everyone, but we can reach out to **One More** person in love.

How can this week’s message impact your conversations with those whom God brings into your path?

7. God is at work and you are a part of it!

Taking all that you have considered this week, what will help you move further toward your calling?

At Cold Springs Church we talk about being “on mission.” Jesus was sent by his Father on a mission. And so are we. We are “on mission with Jesus” when we integrate our changed hearts (through Jesus) into our everyday lives – bringing God’s Kingdom to earth as it is in heaven.

Join in our **Restoring & Strengthening Prayer** (on our lobby wall):

“Jesus, today I pray you would help me to see things the way you see them. I pray I would feel about people the way you feel about them. I pray for the courage to say “Yes” to the adventure you invite me to live with you today. I pray for the strength to go the extra mile. Forgive me and forgive your people where we have failed to trust and love each other. And I pray for your Kingdom to come, for your will to be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Please start with me. Amen.



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