



# *Prioritise Mission*

## Living The Life of Mission

**SUNDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2023**

Topic: Prioritise Mission “Your Story in Mission”

Acts 26:12-18

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### **Sermon Notes**

- Our stories can have a seeming insignificance
- Our pride prevents our story from developing
- King Jesus – the ultimate Director
- Our story takes on significance as we learn to Know Jesus
- This is discipleship – entering into his story



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## Small Group Questions/Discussions

There is a theme throughout the New Testament where God encourages his people to go and share what God has meant to them with the people around them. Often, one of the reasons we hold off on sharing Jesus is that we can under-value our story. We can think that our story isn't impressive, or good enough to share.

Saul's encounter with Jesus on the road to Damascus is a dramatic engagement, and your story might have moments where God turns up in radical ways, but these radical moments are not the significance of your story. We need to consider that the significance in our story isn't what God is doing in our lives, but that he invites us to participate in his story.

For this to happen, we need to have a humility and willingness to be led. To allow our story to enter into his story.

**Q. Can you recall a moment in your life where you felt God intervened, perhaps redirecting your next steps?**

The goad is a pointy stick that encourages and mobilises cattle. Often they would kick the goad, and instead of a small discomfort they receive significant pain.

**Q. Is there a time in your life where you have resisted the leading of God, and done things your own way, and things have not worked out well at all?**



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## Small Group Questions/Discussions continued

Saul was called to the gentiles by God. His gentile name was Paul. After Jesus met him on the road to Damascus, he took hold of his gentile name Paul from that moment onwards. His identity was tied to his purpose and calling in God.

**Q. How much of our identity is tied to our purpose in God?**

Having Jesus as our Lord and king, gives him permission to lead and guide our lives. It's an invitation we give but we often don't consider God taking us up on it.

**Q. Does your prayer life reflect the reality that God is calling you to participate within His plan for your life?**



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