

Paul's Heavenly Vision

Acts 26:12-19

1. Halted by the _____, v14a

With a clear vision of what we can become in Christ, no ocean of difficulty is too great

2. _____ God's Voice, v 14b

Sometimes, the reason we don't hear God's voice is because we're not listening.

3. _____ God's Voice, v19

If you're going to move out of darkness into the light, you're going to have to obey the voice of God who is calling out to you today!

4. New Mission to the _____, v 17

A godly vision promotes faith rather than fear. A godly vision motivates people to action. A godly vision requires risk-taking. A godly vision glorifies God, not people.

5. New Message for _____ Peoples, v18

The Victor is Jesus Christ! He alone can open blind eyes. He alone can turn people from darkness to light. Only Jesus can break the power of Satan.

Discussion/Personal Reflection:

1. Read Acts 26:12-19. How does Paul summarize what he has heard from God? What part of Paul's testimony resonate with what you are currently experiencing? In what ways does God speak to us?
2. What other voices in the world distracts us from Hearing God's voice? Why do you think it is difficult to obey what God may have spoken to us? Share an experience in which you heard God's prompting and how you were able to walk in obedience. How can we get better at hearing God's voice?
3. God's heavenly vision to Paul includes taking the Gospel to Gentiles. Why would Paul struggle with this new concept of reaching the Gentiles in a Jewish-oriented world? Do we struggle in the same way if God were to call us out with a new mission eg go to Nepal, give up your job and stay there for 3 years to preach the Gospel? What questions would you ask God? How would you seek to clarify if you really have heard from God? What would cause you to obey this newly found mission?
4. God's heavenly vision for Paul includes preaching a new message. How does this new message differ from what John the Baptist was preaching? Identify key elements of this new message from Paul's testimony (read v 16-18). In what ways has these elements impacted your life?