

ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

SONG: Mighty To Save

CHILDREN'S TALK

CONFESSION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
We have sinned against you
And against our fellow men,
In thought and word and deed,
In the evil we have done
And in the good we have not done,
Through ignorance, through weakness,
Through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
Who died for us,
Forgive us all that is past;
And grant that we may serve you
In newness of life
To the glory of your name. Amen.

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NOTICES (Children go to Sunday School and crèche)

SONG: Hear The Call Of The Kingdom

READING: Acts 9:1-19a (pg. 917)

SERMON

PRAYERS

SONG: We Have A Lamb

COMMUNION

SONG: May The Peoples Praise You

BLESSING

NOTICES

No Services Next Sunday

Due to our Spring Weekend Away, we will have no morning or afternoon services next Sunday 8th May. Services will resume as normal on 15th May.

Grace Groups

Our midweek Bible study groups meet on Wednesdays at 7.45pm in the King William Building, Greenwich. This week we will meet for a prayer gathering. All welcome!

Christianity Explored

This is a seven-part course for anyone who wants to go over the foundations of the Christian faith, starting 18th May. Email explore@greenwich.church to register interest.

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Welcome!

Sunday 1st May 2022

*"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to bring back the preserved of Israel;
I will make you as a light for the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."*

Isaiah 49:6 (ESV)

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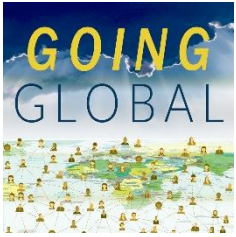
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Acts 9:1-19a (ESV)



⁹ But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³ Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him. ⁴ And falling to the

ground, he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" ⁵ And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶ But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." ⁷ The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. ⁸ Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹ And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰ Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹ And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, ¹² and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." ¹³ But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. ¹⁴ And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name." ¹⁵ But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. ¹⁶ For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." ¹⁷ So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸ And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; ¹⁹ and taking food, he was strengthened.

How will the gospel reach the nations?

1. Take a persecutor
2. Turn him into a witness
3. Turn him into a *persecuted* witness

Application

1. God's gospel is unstoppable
2. Expect suffering as the means of success

COFFEE QUESTIONS:

How is this chapter a) empowering b) sobering as we think about the gospel going to the ends of the earth?