**Life Group Notes**

**Paul – The Man and His Message – Part 1**

**Acts 9: 1 - 19**

1. How would people in the group describe what they think Saul was like before he met with Jesus?
2. How would people in the group describe Paul as an apostle and a writer? Are there both positive and negative images?
3. Why was Saul so antagonistic towards believers in Jesus? (See Acts 7:59 to 8:3) Why would he have seen Jesus as a false Messiah?
4. What is the significance of the question Jesus asks Saul in the encounter on the road to Damascus? (See Acts 9:4) How would this encounter have changed his view of Jesus? How would he have thought Jesus looked on him?
5. After 3 days of fasting and being blind how would Saul have felt after Ananias’ visit, his baptism and being filled with the Holy Spirit? How do you think this started to change him as a person?
6. What is Saul’s initial response to his encounter with Jesus and the Spirit? See Acts 9: 20-22. Why do we need to share our belief in Jesus once we have been converted?
7. For Paul, Christ became and remained the centre of his preaching, and mission and vision. What would help us to make Christ more the centre of our life and purpose?