

God's Story: Paul

Paul (at the time his name was Saul) was completely against followers of Jesus. He actively searched for them, threw them in jail, beat them, or even killed or had them killed. He was completely against them.

Then Saul encountered Jesus on a road as he was searching for more followers of Jesus. What happened?

#TargetPractice: What was the result of Paul's encounter with God?

He realized how wrong he was and repented. Saul became a believer and follower of Jesus!! (He also changed his name to Paul) One of the first things he did was get to know Jesus. What were some things he did in order to get closer to Jesus?

Fast and pray, got alone and just listened to God.

Do you remember what Paul compared getting to know God to? Preparing to run a race. It takes time and energy and practice to prepare for a race (or any other sport). It takes a lot of dedication.

What is the 'race' that Paul was preparing for? Serving God and sharing with others about God...no matter what.

Paul was completely changed after his encounter with God. He recognized that God is the true God and Jesus is the Messiah. Paul understood how important it is for everyone to hear about God and to begin to follow Him. He dedicated the rest of his life to spreading the news about Jesus.

What can we learn from this? Jesus loves us and wants us to accept His invitation to accept His grace and love. That is the most important thing in life (as we talked about last week). The next important thing to do is to tell others about what Jesus has done in our lives. We want everyone to believe in Jesus and follow Him. We will be talking some more in the next few weeks about why it is so important.

What are some things you can do to share with others about Jesus?

Prayer