

I Am Jesus
Text: Acts 9:1-19a
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Big Idea: No one can outrun the grace of Jesus, so trust Him in your witness.

Context is key!

Question #1 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What is going on in the text?

- a) What is the setting and what is happening?
- b) Who are the main characters?
- c) Are there any words/phrases that are repeated?

Question #2 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What does the text say about God and about me?

- a) Is God saying or showing something about Himself? If so, what?
- b) Do the words in the text predict, prophesy or picture something about Jesus? If so, what?
- c) Is God saying or showing something about us? If so, what?
- d) How does the text point to my need for Jesus? How?

Question #3 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What are the principles, commands or promises given?

- a) What is the overall theme of the text?
- b) Does the passage include any promise from God? If so, what?

Question #4 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What is the application?

- a) What is one specific way I can live by these truths, or trust in these promises today?
- b) What is the next step that I need to take to see this happen?

Question #5


- a) Who is Jesus? Use Scripture to support.
- b) What is grace? Use Scripture to support.
- c) What are some hindrances to your faith in trusting the pursuing grace of Jesus?
- d) Spend time confessing and repenting of those areas of unbelief.

We must trust Jesus in our witness for His...

Point 1: Unstoppable PURSUIT! (vv. 1-9)

Question: No heart is too far gone for God's grace. Will you trust in the pursuit of Jesus?

Question #6

- a) **Rd vv. 1-9:** Describe Saul. Why was he the most unlikely candidate for salvation in Christ?
- b) Who has God put around you that may seem unlikely for salvation? Why do you think this?
- c) **Rd Luke 1:37:** WHAT is impossible for Jesus? WHO is impossible for Jesus?
- e) Spend time in prayer for your witness to those people in part b,  for their salvation.

Question #7

- a) **Rd vv. 3-5:** Who was Saul actually opposing/persecuting by coming against God's people?
- b) What are other ways we can oppose Jesus in how we treat/speak of His people?
- c) What area(s) do you need to repent of where you have opposed Christ in these ways or others?
- d) Spend time in confession and repentance before the Lord for these.

Point 2: Unimaginable **PROVISION!** (vv. 10-19a)

Question: The provision of grace is a transformed life. Will you trust in the grace of Jesus?

Question #8

- a) **Rd. vv. 10-19a:** What are the 4 provisions of grace that Jesus gives to those He saves?
- b) What happens when we don't see these as gives of grace from the Lord?
- c) Which of these blow your mind the most? Why?
- d) Which of these are the hardest for you to live out? Why?
- e) Spend time in prayer repenting of any lack of thanksgiving for God's grace to you in these areas; & ask Him for the strength, and joy to live from His grace provisions to you.

Question #9

- a) Spend time as a group testifying to the grace of God in your life personally; and in the precious church family He's given you here at Hope Ottawa. How is He using it in your life to grow you, mature you and to love you through it?
- b) If you haven't already, spend time in accountability sharing your testimony of how the "Hound of Heaven" pursued you and provided for you by His grace. Be sure to use the testimony format of: My Life Before Christ, How I Received Christ & My Life Since Coming to Christ.
- c) Once people have shared for either of the points above, spend time in prayer together thanking Jesus for His glorious grace!

Prayer Application

Spend time as a group/in accountability in prayer...

- a) **REVERENCE** before God: Jesus, I worship You because_____.
- b) **HUMILITY** before God: Jesus, I confess and repent of not trusting in Your grace when_____.
- c) **THANKSGIVING:** Jesus, thank You for the pursuit and provision of Your grace that has_____.
- d) **SUPPLICATION** to God: Jesus, i) I pray for the salvation of_____ ii) I pray for faith to live in Your provision of_____ (ie-Purpose, family, power, identity) that You have given me by Your grace.

Memory Verse:

"For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people,"-Titus 2:11

