

**The Missional Mindset**  
**Text: Acts 9:19b-31**  
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**Big Idea: Jesus have given us a mission, so live with a missional mindset.**

**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 says 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?

The missional mindset lives with...

**Mark 1: FERVENT Missional ENGAGEMENT (vv. 19b-22)**

*Question: The missional mindset says, "Get after it!" Are you living with mission urgency?*

**Question #5**

- a) **Rd vv. 19b-22:** Describe how Saul lived with mission urgency after his conversion.
- b) Where did Saul's power for living fervently on mission come from? Why must it come from there?
- c) How is living fervently on mission, living like Jesus?
- d) Spend time in prayer asking the Holy Spirit for His power to live fervently on mission.

**Mark 2: COURAGEOUS Missional FOCUS (vv. 23-30)**

*Question: Opposition will come but God is sovereign. Will you trust and stay mission focused?*

**Question #6**

- a) **Rd. vv. 23-25:** What happened to Saul as he preached the gospel in Damascus?
- b) Do you think it would have been easy to become fearful or discouraged and 'back off' in his witness? Why?
- c) How did God sovereignly overcome the plot against Saul?
- d) How does this encourage you as you may face hostile opposition to the gospel as you witness?
- e) Spend time praying for greater faith in God's sovereignty as you live on mission.

### Question #7

- a) **Rd. vv. 26-30:** What was the opposition Saul faced as he went to Jerusalem?
  - b) Why would it have been easy for Saul to lose his missional focus as he was initially avoided by the church?
  - c) How did God overcome this opposition to Saul?
  - d) How does living as a “son or daughter of encouragement” fuel a missional focus in you and others?
- \*\*Note: Please use your fruit to root diagram for parts e-h.\*\**
- e) Where are you struggling to live with a courageous missional focus? What happens at those times?
  - f) What are you thinking in those moments?
  - g) What is it you really want in those moments?
  - h) How does the gospel empower you to overcome that and live courageously on mission?
  - i) Spend time in prayer for one another over these areas.

### Mark 3: **FRUITFUL** Missional **PRIORITIES** (v.31)

*Question: Keeping mission priorities leads to mission fruitfulness. Will you prioritize them?*

- a) **Rd v. 31:** What are the two priorities we must keep to stay faithful on mission?
- b) Why will God bless these ones (Even if you can't see it)?
- c) What are some fruits that result in our witness when we don't keep these priorities?
- d) Spend time praying for one another for these priorities & for gospel multiplication from them!

### Prayer Application

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

- a) **REVERENCE** before God: Jesus, I worship You because you are\_\_\_\_\_.
- b) **HUMILITY** before God: Jesus, I confess i) Not living in reverence & dependence on You in\_\_\_\_\_. ii) Not living with urgency on mission when\_\_\_\_\_.
- c) **THANKSGIVING:** Jesus, thank You for empowering me to live on mission by\_\_\_\_\_.
- d) **SUPPLICATION** to God: Jesus, i) I pray for missional urgency in\_\_\_\_\_ ii) I pray for missional courage when\_\_\_\_\_ iii) I pray for deepening missional priorities of reverence & dependence.

### Memory Verse:

*“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”-Matthew 28:18-20*