

**Reading assignment for November 12-18;** Acts 9-28; Romans 1-2

**Memory:**

Romans 1:16 *For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.*

**Consider:**

1. Acts 9: God transformed a tyrant into a saint. Track Paul's spiritual journey, taking note of the process from conversion (vv.1-13), to witnessing (vv. 20-22) to connecting with other leaders of the Church (vv. 26-31).
  - A. How should Paul's story be a guide for our story?
  
2. Acts 10: God stretched Peter when He opened new doors of ministry previously unimagined by Peter and other Church leaders.
  - A. How has God stretched you in your faith in the past?
  
  - B. What needed areas of ministry do you anticipate our congregation will be addressing in the future?
  
3. Acts 13: Church leaders commissioned Barnabas and Paul as missionaries. These men travelled and preached the Gospel to Jews and Gentiles. Their message was rejected by many of the Jews but received by many Gentiles. This story encourages us to focus our ministry where it is best received.
  - A. What areas of ministry do you believe you are best suited?
  
  - B. What evidence can you point to that shows you are productive in ministry?
  
  - C. What areas of ministry are available that you perhaps have been slow to consider? Why have you been hesitant to consider these areas of ministry?
  
4. Acts 16: This chapter records Paul's call to Macedonia. We see Paul and his ministry team move from Turkey to Greece. This story encourages us to be patient in times of frustration, for God may be preparing us for a new and exciting opportunity.
  - A. What are the areas of frustration you are currently dealing with?
  
  - B. What options of ministry do you see potentially coming out of this season, and what preparations should be considered for future ministry?
  
5. What did Paul identify in Romans 1 as a cause to thank God? What must we do to create this response in others? What connection do you see in 1:8 and 1:12?