



Introduction

Jesus loves to change the plot of our lives. Many times through history Jesus has changed the story of our lives for the better. He is the central character and director of the “kingdom story”. This week, through studying the story of Ananias we see how we are also main characters who He loves to use to bring about His purposes and plot changes.

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Acts 9:10-19

“The Plot”

Community Group Notes

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Explanation

Read: Acts 9:10-19; Acts 9:31

“The point of the book of Acts—the point of the kingdom of God, the point of the Christian life—is that Jesus is alive and in charge and He loves to change the plot of our world.”

- In what areas of our lives would we like to see massive ‘plot change’?
- Give some examples of when the world’s ‘plot’ changed quickly? E.g. Berlin Wall
- What encouragement is there in this for us?

“Ordinary Men and Women are main characters in His Kingdom story”

- What do we know about Ananias’ character from reading Acts 9:10-19?
- What encouragement is there for us that Jesus called him by name?
- What do the words “Here I am” (vs 10) tell us about Ananias?
- Was it wrong for Ananias to ask Jesus questions? If not, why not?
- How do the words “Brother Saul” epitomize the gospel?
- Put yourself in Saul’s place... What effect would the words “Brother Saul” have had on you?

Application

- How does the example of Ananias challenge us to live?
 - What specific things can we pray for as we seek to emulate Ananias’ example?
 - How does the statement “Brother Saul” encourage us to live our lives towards others?
 - What can we do as a Community Group to encourage someone this week?
1. Spend some time praying (by name) for some of the people in your life who don’t know Jesus (yet).
 2. Identify one person each that the group will pray for regularly (leaders – note down the names and remind the group each time you meet)
 3. How are the plans for a group ‘social’ (from last week) going?