1) Jesus is in the business of radical change.

Read Acts 9:1-9

Have you ever experienced a time in your life when you ran into someone after a few years that was radically different than the person you remembered him or her to be?

When Jesus steps in, radically saves us, and makes us his disciples everything changes. Share your short testimony with the group highlighting: who you were before Christ, when you surrendered your life to Christ, and what life has looked like since then. Make this a time to celebrate what God has done in the lives of the people in the group.

All of us here probably have someone in our life or something in our life that we want to see radically changed. Who are these people or what are these circumstances you are asking God to radically change?

2) Jesus calls us to play a <u>role</u> in radical change.

Read Acts 9:10-19a

There are people we desperately want to see come to know the Lord but are hesitant to go engage them in a conversation about Jesus. Why are we hesitant to lovingly and boldly go tell these people about Jesus? How can we help and encourage each other to boldly take the gospel to people we know need to hear this message?

When Ananias first got the call to go to Saul, it was a confusing command for him to go minister to someone who hated the believers with such intensity. Has God ever called you to do something that didn't make any sense to you at first? How did he work in that situation in the end?

We get to play a role in God's work. What are some of the most exciting works of God you have gotten the privilege to be a part of?

When you stop and dwell on the truth that we get to play a role in life changing and circumstance changing works of God, what comes to mind?

3) The radically changed are <u>agents</u> of radical change.

Read Acts 19b-22

As a church, we are studying 1 Timothy right now, one of the works of Paul as a result of his radical conversion. God used Paul's life as a powerful agent to spread his glory to people who needed Jesus. Recount as a group Paul's ministry resume and everything Paul did with his life for the Lord.

Oftentimes, new believers are the most passionate about sharing Christ's love and serving Christ's church. Why do you think this is? What can we learn from new believers' passion for the Lord if we find ourselves in a stagnant season?

Close:

It's easy to lose hope in people and situations believing they will never change. How does studying Paul's conversion renew hope that the same God who radically rescued Paul can radically rescue the hardest heart or most dire circumstance?

As we close, what people or circumstances can we pray for in your life right now and ask God to radically step in and change the person or situation for His glory?