

Going Deeper Questions
“What You Gonna Do With The Risen Up King?”
Acts 9:1-22
April 4, 2010

1. (Icebreaker) How was your Easter? What did you do?
2. Jeremy shared about a friend from High School who, in a sense, asked him that question, “What will you do with the risen up King?” Can you remember when that question was posed to you for the first time? How did you react? How has your reaction changed since then?
 - a. In Acts 9:1-5, Saul dealt with the risen up King by persecuting Christians. Have you ever treated that question by persecuting, or dismissing Christians as irrelevant? Have you ever been treated that way because you are asking that question of others?
3. Jeremy made a point about Acts 9:4-5, by highlighting what Jesus said to Saul about who he was persecuting. As a Christian, do you own the fact that you represent Christ to our world; that when people encounter you, they encounter Christ? If that truth really sinks into your heart, how do you think it will transform you?
 - a. Read and discuss the truth of these passages; how does this impact your life?
 - i. Matthew 10:40 (cf. John 13:20)
 - ii. John 7:7
 - iii. John 15:18-21
4. Ananias was willing to be used by the Lord Jesus even though it was scary (Acts 9:10-17). Have you ever had to take a leap of faith? Tell your story. Was it scary? What was the result? What gets in the way of us taking that leap? How do we discern “foolishness” from “faith”? Are you willing to be used by the Lord Jesus even if it is scary; even if there is a risk of losing something major (e.g., power, reputation, position or prestige)?
5. Do you remember the three things in the outline that the risen up King can do in us? Let me ask a question from each of them:
 - a. How have you allowed the Holy Spirit to change you lately?
 - b. Where does your identity lie? When people talk with you, and you get below the initial niceties, do people know that your identity lies in Jesus? Explain.
 - c. Have you ever seen yourself as a chosen instrument of Jesus? What do you think you have been chosen for? *This is an ongoing process in our lives*; so, where are you at today with this question?
 - i. Can you help each other out in the group to identify how each of you are a chosen instrument of Jesus? (in other words, speak into each others’ lives)