

Longing | Born Thirsty

7 May 2023

Scriptures to read:

- Acts 8
- Acts 9
- Ephesians 1:13-14
- Galatians 5:22-26

Reflection Questions:

- How do we see God?
What is God like?
Where do we get our picture of God from?
- How we understand God is at the base of everything we believe.
Agree or disagree? Why or why not?
- If our understanding of God changes, everything else changes.
I wonder if this is at the root of why we don't want to understand who God is...
we don't want to change.
- Paul grew up as a Jew in a Gentile environment.
His role was to ensure that Israel returned to what he saw as their roots
and to eliminate these dangerous people of "The Way"
- Why do you think Luke records Paul's conversion story three (3) times?
- What do you see as significant aspects of this account?
- Why is so important to understand that we are
 - in the light
 - "in Christ"?
- Pastor Mike said that when our life is interrupted by God
and you cannot see the way ahead,
have the courage to do nothing (except prayer) for a while.
- Conversion:
 - Paul was converted from a persecutor of the church to an apostle of the church.
 - Ananias was converted from fear to hospitality.
 - If there a conversion that you need?
- Prayer of Dr. Arthur Burns:
O God, may the day come
when all Muslims will come to know Jesus
and when all Jews will come to know Jesus,
and when all Christians will come to know Jesus.
 - People who call themselves Christians may
need to be see Jesus with fresh eyes, need to know him,
as he is not as we think he is
- People who bear Christ's name... can only talk about him.
- People who bear Christ's name... reflect his character
- People who bear Christ's name... produce his life, his fruit in their relationships