

Message Notes

Sermon Based Bible Study

Share

1. Have you experienced Christ-honoring, positive, transformational change(s) in relationship with another person or people group?
2. If so, describe the change(s) - i.e., outcomes - in terms of:
What you *know* factually about them (understanding)
How you *regard* them - in your attitude/thinking (respect, care)
How you *feel* about and *express love* for them (tender-heartedness, compassion)
3. How did these changes happen? (e.g., to overcome ignorance, apathy, "coldness" of heart, avoidance, etc.)

Study – Part 1: Saul/Paul

1. Before becoming a believer in Jesus and a missionary to the Gentiles: What did Saul ["also called Paul – Acts 13:9] *know* about Gentiles? With what *attitude(s)* did he regard them? What *feelings* did he have towards them?
2. What did Jesus reveal to Saul about *His* knowledge of, and regard and heart for Gentiles?
3. According to Acts 26:17 [context: 26:12-18], what did Jesus do first to begin the transformational changes in Saul in relation to the Gentiles?
4. Read Acts 16:9-10. What was Paul called primarily to do?...to whom?
5. Read Acts 16:13-15 and 16:33b. What other action followed the primary action?
6. Read Acts 16:40. What did Paul (and Silas) do before departing Philippi?

Study – Part 2: Philippians

1. Read 2nd Corinthians 8:1-5 and Philippians 4:10, 14, 15, 16, 18. What are five ways Philippians demonstrated their awareness, attitude and affection (or "heart") for Paul and which he affirmed?
2. With what thoughts and emotions did Paul remember these and write about?
3. How did these (five ways) influence Paul in his relationship with the Philippians (and which are evident in his letter to them)?