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SERIES OVERVIEW:

Your life has a story to tell. A story of a God who works in incredible ways. Join us over the next five weeks to look at the life and story of Paul. Paul's life was not about Paul. It was about what God was able to do with Paul. As we look at the work of Jesus in every season of Paul's life, we learn that our stories celebrate God's incredible work and the workings of God's Kingdom through His redeemed people.

SERMON RECAP:

In week five, we looked at the life of Paul as a martyr. We unpack Acts 20 and the truth that Paul sought to live by: "repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ." This truth guides the value of our lives as followers of Jesus, and our value is because of God and only makes sense with God.

CONVERSATION QUESTIONS:

- In Acts 20, Paul writes that he sought to testify of "repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ." How does the dynamic of repentance and faith play out in your everyday life? What does it look like for a community to model repentance and faith together?
- The object of our faith matters- have you ever come to a place of recognizing that your faith had been in an idea, a church, or religious practices rather than in the person of Jesus? Do you ever struggle with the temptation to turn back to those lesser things for security or confidence?
- Why is it important to understand that true repentance isn't just not doing something but turning to the better thing of Jesus? How does this inform rather than frustrate our evangelism/discipleship of others?

- “The problem isn’t that I don’t love Jesus; the problem is that I love a lot of other stuff, too.” How have you found this struggle with a divided heart to be true in your walk with Christ? Have you ever felt God calling you to walk away from a good thing that was taking your focus off of Jesus?
- Have you ever thought about what you want people to talk about at your funeral? How does grappling with the limitations of our lives and the fact that we will face death change the way we live today?
- In verse 24, Paul writes that his value in life is “to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.” What does this look like in your everyday rhythms and spaces? How can you encourage one another in this? *As the Holy Spirit leads, pause and pray together or offer an encouraging word as the Spirit leads.*